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PREFACE

Volume 5 of the *Executive Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia* continues, without a break, the journal entries in volume 4 of this series, which end with those for October 28, 1739, and carries the executive proceedings of the Council through May 7, 1754. The texts of these journals and of part of the appended proclamations are from photographic copies of the original manuscripts which were sent, in accordance with instructions to the colonial governors, to the home authorities in England and are now preserved among the Colonial Office papers in the Public Record Office of Great Britain, London. The texts of volumes 1-4 of this series were obtained mostly from the journals and proclamations in the Public Record Office and, to a lesser extent, from several surviving volumes of manuscript journals in the Virginia State Library.

Plans for completing the publication of the *Executive Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia* were made by the present editor soon after the death, in 1934, of Dr. H. R. McIlwaine, former state librarian and editor. Although it appeared that the texts for volumes subsequent to volume 4 must come entirely from the British Public Record Office, it was most important, in any publication plan, to ascertain the existing sources (various check-lists of materials in that repository did not assure completeness) and to secure copies of them. Photographic copies of journals in the Public Record Office from February 1, 1726/27 to April 12, 1753, were available in the Virginia Historical Society, having been obtained by the late Mr. Fairfax Harrison in the course of certain historical investigations and afterwards presented to that institution. These photocopies had been used to some extent by Dr. McIlwaine in editing volume 4 for the purpose of noting discrepancies between the texts of journals sent to England and the corresponding texts of the journals to October 28, 1734, in the Virginia State Library. Incidentally, it might be mentioned that these journals, through the proceedings for April 27, 1731, were published by the Virginia Historical Society in its organ, *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography,* volumes 32-37, with copious historical and genealogical notes which were continued into volumes 38-39.

Having no record of other extensive and acceptable (photographic) copy in this country, the present editor commissioned the late Dr. C. G. Chamberlayne, editor of several parish record books published by the State Library Board, to search in the Public Record Office during his

visit to England in the summer of 1935 for all executive journals of the colonial Council subsequent to the photocopies in the Virginia Historical Society, all proclamations subsequent to October 23, 1739 (the latest in volume 4), and important related material. He presented a detailed report which took into account also certain duplicate, but not identical, sources but he did not find journals to cover completely the remainder of the colonial period, nor many of the proclamations which had been issued. However, before an order for photocopies could be placed in London, it was discovered that the University of Virginia had just secured such copies of these journals in the Public Record Office from April 30, 1752, to June 17, 1774, corresponding to those reported by Dr. Chamberlayne, and these were borrowed and photocopied by the Virginia State Library. Photographic copies of the proclamations and of some related material noted by Dr. Chamberlayne were supplied on order by B. F. Stevens & Brown, Ltd., of London, a firm which has long served the Virginia State Library in making investigations of English sources and in furnishing therefrom copies of records of colonial Virginia. The Virginia Historical Society also lent its facsimiles for photocopying by the Virginia State Library.

Work in connection with the publication of the concluding volumes of the series had to be set aside, however, during the years devoted to securing a new State Library building and in dealing with the parallel problems of institutional reorganization, and it was not until late in 1941 that the actual editing of the material could be begun. It was noted in due course that there were serious omissions in the Virginia Historical Society copies, some being pages which the photographer in England might have missed, and one being the journal for an extended period. In fact, it had been generally assumed from notes in check-lists that the latter was non-existent since the journal for June 10, 1747-December 2, 1748, had been endorsed to show that no journal had been received from Virginia for the period between September 10, 1744, and June 10, 1747. Following up an indeterminate reference in one check-list, the editor had B. F. Stevens & Brown, Ltd., make an investigation of this as well as the matter of missing pages in the journal for August 6, 1742-September 10, 1744. Although such records had been evacuated because of war-time hazards, that firm was able to secure permission to examine specified volumes on account of the official request of the Virginia State Library. All of these matters were found according to the references (the journal had been filed apart from others of the period) and photocopies of them were secured.

However, it was not practicable, under war-time conditions, to make a general search in England for certain journals which are not recorded: between May 7, 1754, and June 10, 1756; between September 15, 1763, and September 8, 1767; and between various other dates which indicate lesser gaps, although journal extracts, scattered minutes, and other evidence indicate that the Council met as usual in these periods and kept records of its executive proceedings. In consequence, volume 5 ends with May 7, 1754, and the next volume must wait until after the war when a thoroughgoing investigation of records in various depositories in England can be made. It is quite possible that these journals survive, especially as duplicate copies of such records were often sent to England by the colonial authorities. It is also the case that June 17, 1774, is the latest date noted for these journals in the Public Record Office although minutes must have been kept locally to a later date, probably to the final collapse of the royal government in Virginia.

Of the nine journals represented in this volume, part of the first (through October 28, 1739) was printed in volume 4 of the series, the remainder, appearing here, covering the period, November 1, 1739-August 28, 1740. The other journals, in chronological order, cover respectively the following periods: October 16, 1740-June 11, 1741; October 15, 1741-July 26, 1742; August 6, 1742-September 10, 1744; September 13, 1744-May 7, 1747; June 10, 1747-December 2, 1748; December 8, 1748-August 29, 1751; October 15, 1751-April 22, 1752; April 30, 1752-May 7, 1754. It will be noted that these journals vary greatly in the portions of time to which they relate, apparently having been written up and transmitted at convenience. A foot-note at the beginning of each journal, as printed here, states the characteristics and the location of the original. Each manuscript journal is attested and signed by the clerk of the Council, but the texts of the journals vary greatly among themselves in style and legibility, having usually been written by different assistants.

In editing the texts of the journals in volume 5, account has been taken of surviving executive minutes of the period in the Virginia State Library. In the preface to volume 4 of this series, it was stated that the Council made a distinction between the minutes of its meetings, which were often hastily done in an unfinished state, and the resulting journals, which set forth the proceedings as final records. Whether or not the terms were always sharply defined and applied by the Council (the manuscript minute books now in the Virginia State

Library bear no original titles, and the Board of Trade in London was prone to refer to the transmitted journals as minutes), the evidence in this volume supports the above statement, and this distinction is moreover made, although with some errors, in *Calendar of Transcripts, Including the Annual Report of the Department of Archives and History,* published by the Virginia State Library in 1905, where the journals and minutes are listed separately.

The entries in the manuscript minute books are often rough, sketchy and almost illegible, showing many changes and corrections, and omitting some of the business at Council meetings; but some of them are as complete and clear as journal entries. Ordinarily, of course, the clerks would have at hand, in writing up the journals, both the minutes of the meetings and the various papers which had been considered by the Council. For this reason, minutes might be brief and inconclusive, omitting certain proceedings such as actions on land causes, etc. There are, however, important differences in the texts of minutes and journals: the former sometimes contain matters which do not appear in the journals; they are sometimes revealing in showing changes in original proceedings; they sometimes show variations from the journals in the order of entries; they sometimes indicate meetings which are either omitted or whose proceedings are included under other dates in the journals. Of course the journals carry greater authority, being the final and official record in which the clerks would presumably have embodied the proper corrections of the proceedings; however, it is quite apparent that the clerks made errors both of omission and commission. It was unfortunately true that the public records suffered much on account of carelessness and neglect. Even corresponding journals of the same period show serious discrepancies, having been copied presumably from the clerk's notes at different times by different assistants. (See volume 4, p. vii-lvii, for lists of important discrepancies between journals in the Virginia State Library, as printed in volumes 3 and 4, and those in the British Public Record Office). Since there is no original executive journal of the period of volume 5 in the Virginia State Library, it became all the more important to make a careful comparison between the photocopies of the journals in the Public Record Office and the extant minutes, and to set forth essential differences by foot-notes.

Five Council minute books in the Virginia State Library contain executive minutes during the colonial period subsequent to November 1, 1739, and it seems advisable to describe all of them here although only

the three which relate to the period of this volume of the *Executive Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia* have been used in editing the present texts. These books, now restored and bound separately in boards, were formerly bound up with other matter in several large volumes which have, in recent years, been divided into their constituent parts. Judging from various Council books of the period, each of these minute books, which have no titles, may have originally borne a number (now lacking in most cases) in a system of notation. Although these numbers have no significance in any present classification, they have been included in citations, particularly in *Calendar of Transcripts* . . . , where the contents of the volumes in which the books were then bound are analyzed, albeit with errors and without distinguishing between executive and legislative minutes. Since these numbers have been variously used for identifying purposes, they are included in the general descriptions which follow.

The first minute book (termed "Journal", however, in *Calendar of Transcripts* . . . , p. 21) of the period under consideration is *Council Executive Minute Book, July 31, 1738-May 6, 1743* (title supplied, and cited hereafter in foot-notes as *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43*). This book, denominated "N° 14", has 85 pages of which three are blank (these pages appear to have been unnumbered originally but have, in recent years, been mostly numbered in pencil) and three pages originally numbered 3-5 in reverse order at the end (p. 1-2 at end are lacking). Varying from rough and sketchy minutes to full and fair proceedings, this book is devoted entirely to executive sessions, including certain proceedings which were omitted entirely in the journals sent to England.

Council Minute Book, 1740-1747 (title supplied, and cited hereafter in foot-notes as *Coun. Min. Bk., 1740-47*) is devoted chiefly to the legislative minutes of the Council for several sessions of the General Assembly during the period indicated in the title but has some rough executive minutes for a few meetings in 1745-1747. Designated as number 23 in *Calendar of Transcripts* . . . , p. 35, the book has 90 pages of which two are blank and another bears only a few apparently irrelevant words (these pages seem to have been unnumbered originally but have, in recent years, been mostly numbered in pencil).

Council Minute Book, 1748-1752 (title supplied, and cited hereafter in foot-notes as *Coun. Min. Bk., 1748-52*) is devoted mostly to the legislative minutes of the Council for several sessions of the General Assembly during the period indicated in the title but has some rough executive minutes for a few meetings in 1748-1749. It is designated as

number 18 in *Calendar of Transcripts* . . . , p. 35-36, and has a mutilated notation at the top of the first page which might have been "N° 18". The book is apparently incomplete since it begins with certain legislative minutes for November 2, 1748, whereas the session of the General Assembly began on October 27, 1748. It has 84 pages, of which five are blank and one bears only a few apparently irrelevant words (these pages appear to have been unnumbered originally but have, in recent years, been mostly numbered in pencil).

Council Minute Book, 1755-1759 (title supplied) which is designated as number 22 in *Calendar of Transcripts* . . . , p. 36, has 82 pages (these pages appear to have been unnumbered originally but have, in recent years, been mostly numbered in pencil) of which 65 are devoted to legislative minutes of the Council for several sessions of the General Assembly during the years indicated in the title and 17 (reversed in order at the end, some unnumbered or incorrectly numbered in pencil) to rough executive minutes for some meetings in 1756-1759.

Council Minute Book, 1759-1767 (title supplied) has 88 pages of which one is blank (these pages appear to have been mostly unnumbered originally but have since been largely numbered in pencil). This book is devoted mostly to the legislative minutes of the Council for various sessions of the General Assembly during the years 1759-1767 (pencilled numbers 16-77, 78-87, the latter group inverted and in reverse order) but has rough executive minutes for some meetings in 1760-1767 (numbers 1-15, blank page not counted, and pencilled numbered page 77). It is designated as number 20 in *Calendar of Transcripts* . . . , p. 23, 37-38, where the analysis gives the pencilled numbered pages 16-77 as "inverted", numbers 1-15 having been taken as the beginning of the book.

In 1906, the Virginia Historical Society undertook to publish in *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* the executive proceedings of the colonial Council, beginning in 1737, from the originals in the Virginia State Library. The contents of *Council Executive Minute Book, July 31, 1738-May 6, 1743* were published in installments in volumes 14-16, with the exception of most proceedings through December 21, 1738, which occur more completely under the corresponding dates in *Journal of Council From Aug. 5th 1737 to Decr 21, 1738* (manuscript "N° 15"), the text of which was published in preceding order in volume 14. (This journal may have been considered a minute book by the former editor of the *Executive Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia,* although the record, in spite of a few omissions, is made

up of full entries, since he indicated in the preface to volume 4 of this series that the latest manuscript journal in the Virginia State Library ends with the proceedings for October 28, 1734). The executive minutes in *Council Minute Book, 1759-1767* were published in volume 16 of *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* but the executive minutes in the other books mentioned above were overlooked, which is not surprising when one considers the confused character of the minute books themselves. It is also the case that the minutes which were published show many minor errors due no doubt to the illegibility of originals which are usually clarified by the comparative journal texts subsequently obtained from the British Public Record Office.

The texts of all proclamations in the preceding volumes of this series were obtained from the British Public Record Office. It is indicated in the preface of volume 3 that proclamations sent to England became proportionately fewer as the eighteenth century advanced because their importance as documents worthy of transmission steadily diminished in the estimation of authorities. At any rate, less than half of the proclamations given in the appendix to this volume are from the Public Record Office. It will be noted that all of these, except the last, were copied and transmitted as two units, apparently complete for their periods, the first including four proclamations dated April 3, 1740 to August 6, 1740, and the second, eight proclamations dated June 10, 1746 to April 6, 1747 (one in regard to a meeting of the General Assembly, referred to in the journal under June 15, 1746, seems to be the same as the proclamation issued under date of June 26, 1746). However, these proclamations were not filed with the journals in the Public Record Office and it is possible that others of the period may be discovered later.

In view of the apparent scarcity of proclamations in the British Public Record Office, the editor of this volume has investigated other likely sources and has included in the appendix copies of all of those of the period which he has been able to find. The source of each is given in a corresponding foot-note. Judging by references to them in the journals and by copies of a few which are not mentioned in the journals, the proclamations given in the appendix are less than half of those issued during the period. Although the student would be pleased to have all, the loss is probably not great since the purpose of most of the missing proclamations is stated in the journals; and many are practically duplicates, with dates changed, which gave effect to numerous decisions to prorogue or convene the General Assembly.

For the remainder of the colonial period, following this volume, and particularly for the later years, a greater number of proclamations are available, largely because of the existence of original manuscript copies in the Virginia State Library.

The absence of foot-notes in the preceding volumes of this series has made for a more expeditious publication of the texts of the journals but a certain number of foot-notes in this volume have seemed necessary as well as desirable for a proper correlation of the texts of journals and minutes, and for the elucidation of certain other matters. In the main, these foot-notes have been designed to clarify the texts, not to explain and interpret them. Notes of the latter character would have been extremely numerous, have required a great amount of time to produce, and have probably been of small value to the informed student.

The abbreviation of references to certain sources has already been noted. It should also be stated that, in citing *The Virginia Gazette,* from which many proclamations have been taken, the reference gives the last date of the weekly issue when this newspaper bears both the beginning and ending dates of the weekly period.

The style of the present volume follows very closely that of its predecessors. Although the printed edition of these journals does not, of course, reproduce the manuscripts in every respect, the utmost pains have been taken to have the text of this volume conform to the originals in all the essentials of accuracy. The handwriting of the various clerks who wrote up the journals varies widely in style and legibility but the originals present few difficulties on account of archaism and contain few symbols not readily represented with modern type. The arrangement, paragraphing, capitalization (the size and form of initial letters are sometimes conjectural), punctuation (or lack of it), and spelling of the originals have been preserved so far as practicable and determinable. However, the printed text omits the meaningless dashes or flourishes of the originals which often occur at the end of lines; represents the initial "ff", a form of capitalization, by "F"; renders the sign for "per", which is ordinarily used, by the word for which it stands; employs the short instead of the long form of "s"; omits dots under superior letters; and leaves out the curved mark (circumflex) often used over letters to indicate an omission (*e. g.* "Hoñble" for "Honourable"; "coñand" for "command") or that "c" stands for "ti" (*e. g.* "menc̃oned" for "mentioned"). The forms "y^e^" for "the" and "y^t^" for "that" ("y" for "th"), which rarely occur, have been retained. In the case of proclamations, the words of unusual size and the many

italicized words which appear in the sources are not represented in this volume by differentiations of type; and the indentions in the sources, which show minor variations, have been standardized. Editorial insertions in the text are indicated by enclosure within square brackets. Since it is unnecessary and inexpedient to call attention to all clerical errors, "[*sic*]" has been used sparingly, and particularly to call attention to mistakes which might be considered editorial or typographical.

These proceedings of the Council relate to an important, although little known, period of Virginia history which saw nearly a decade (1739-1748) of warfare in which the American colonies of England, Spain, and France were involved in the conflicts of their mother countries; the circumstances leading up to the great French and Indian War; important treaties with the Indians on whom so much of success in war and diplomacy depended; the purposeful expansion beyond the Alleghany Mountains; and other notable developments. In their larger historical aspects, the proceedings show the various measures of the Council with respect to the wars in which the colony was engaged; the constant concern of that body with Indian relations; certain indications of the growth of the spirit of self-government; the increasing realization among the governments of the English colonies of the need for cooperation in the face of common dangers; the formation of great land companies with grants west of the mountains in territory claimed by France. The French and Indian War was greatly abetted by the wetsward expansion of Virginia, particularly the aggressive policy of the Ohio Company which was formed with the intention of blocking the French in the Ohio region and of extending English trade and settlements in the disputed territory of the West. The greater part of the Council proceedings, however, is concerned with the routine business of government which came nearest to the daily life of the people: the appointment of local officials, the location of courthouses, parish affairs, land grants, etc. The proceedings being a compendious record, few matters are given in much detail. One may wish that many references to affairs of large import should be more circumstantial but the historian of the period will probably have no great difficulty in determining their significance, especially as so much elucidating material (mainly copies of papers in British archives) is now available in various American libraries. However, since most of the original records which ought to be in Virginia have not survived, much amplifying information for these journals and for Virginia colonial history in general will not be readily available until copies of related documents (reports, letters and

enclosures, commissions, instructions, accounts, petitions, memorials, etc.) have also been assembled and published.

The editor of this volume wishes to make grateful acknowledgment of his indebtedness to the late Dr. C. G. Chamberlayne who investigated and reported on the sources in the British Public Record Office; to Dr. Harry Clemons, librarian of the Alderman Library of the University of Virginia, and the Executive Committee of the Virginia Historical Society, for permission to photoduplicate the photocopies of the journals in their institutions; to Dr. St. George L. Sioussat, chief of the Division of Manuscripts of the Library of Congress, who lent various related handwritten transcripts and had the collections in his custody searched for additional proclamations; and to Mr. R. W. Church, assistant librarian, and Mr. W. J. Van Schreeven, head archivist, of the Virginia State Library, for their assistance in locating and identifying various sources. He also wishes to express his appreciation to Miss Martha Winfrey, Miss Emily Terry, Miss Virginia Jones, and Miss Marjorie Connell, members of the staff of the Virginia State Library, who have given such capable and constant help in searching likely collections for printed proclamations, assembling information, transcribing, proof-reading, and indexing.

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October 5, 1944

Executive Journals *of the* Council *of* Colonial Virginia

November 1st 1739.[1]

Present

The Governor[2]

John [*i. e.* James] Blair[3]
William Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Carter
John Grymes
John Custis
William Randolph
John Tayloe
Philip Lightfoot &

Thomas Lee Esqrs

The several Persons hereafter named were appointed Inspectors at the following Public Warehouses[4] vizt at

[1]Text from a photographic copy of original manuscript journal ending August 28, 1740, in the Public Record Office of Great Britain, C. O. 5:1423, showing 42 unnumbered pages. It was evidently written by an assistant to the clerk of the Council as the handwriting is different from the latter's attestation at the end. *Executive Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia,* v. 4, includes the entries of this journal through October 28, 1739, beginning with two undated entries between December 21, 1738 (the end of the preceding journal) and April 21, 1739. The photographic copy shows no title or endorsements, and seems to omit the beginning of the journal, especially since a manuscript volume of the minutes, July 31, 1738-May 6, 1743 (hereafter cited as *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43*), in the Virginia State Library shows a meeting on February 20, 1739.

[2]William Gooch, later Sir William Gooch. He was in reality lieutenant-governor, the titular governor, residing in England, being William Anne Keppel, second Earl of Albemarle.

[3]*Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [16], shows "Ja: Blair C[ommissary]", not John Blair, at this meeting. James Blair, commissary or deputy in Virginia for the Bishop of London, was a member of the Council at this time. John Blair was sworn in as a member of the Council on August 6, 1745.

[4]The corresponding table in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [16], also gives George Oldham and John Kent, inspectors at Indian Creek warehouse in Northumberland County; and shows the following counties in margin: King George opposite Falmouth, Gloucester opposite Deacons Neck, Lancaster opposite Corotoman and Davis's, Elizabeth City opposite Hampton, King William opposite Aylets, Prince George opposite Appamattox, Middlesex opposite Kemps, Surry opposite Cabbin Point.

Falmouth.....James Strother
Deacons Nock [*i. e.* Neck].....William Kemp
Poropotank.....James Baytop
Hayes's.....Richard Cary & James Hays
Corotoman & Davis's.....Dale Carter in the Room of Joseph Carter
Hampton.....Thomas Parson & Sam[l] Hawkins
Aylets.....Philip Aylett & Rich[d] Gwathmy cont[d]
Appamattox.....Cristopher Martin in the room of [. . .][5] Jones
Munfords.....Thomas Short
Macocks.....Thomas Harrison
Kemps.....Churchill Jones
Cabbin Point.....Thomas Cock.

Ordered

That new Commissions of the Peace issue for the following Counties & that the Persons hereafter named be added to thee present Justices of those Counties respectively viz. for

Westmoreland.....James Steptoe, Robert Vaulx James Berryman Presly Cox, & Charles Ashton
Richmond .....John Smith & William Brockenbrough
Amelia .....George Walker Abraham Cocke & Rich[d] Clark added.
Orange .....James Wood, John McDowel & Rich[d] Woods.
Spotsylvania .....John Edwards, John Taliaferro jun. & Elliott Benger.
John Græme[6] & Hancock Lee to be left out

Ordered

That the General Assembly be prorogued to the last Thursday in January next and the Governor is desired to issue a Proclamation[7] accordingly.

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[5]Blank in original. Probably Peter Jones who was appointed an inspector at this warehouse, October 28, 1734. See *Executive Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia,* v. 4, p. 336.

[6]Or Greeme. However, here and elsewhere in the journals, the clerks have united the third and fourth letters, suggesting the ligature, æ.

[7]See p. 473.

The Account of contingent Charges from the 25th of April 1739 to the 25th of October 1739 and also an Account of Work and Repairs done about the Governors House were severally examined & allowed.

At a Council held at the Capitol November 3d 1739

Present

The Governor

James Blair	John Grymes
Cole Digges	John Custis
John Robinson	William Randolph
John Carter	John Tayloe &

Philip Lightfoot Esqrs

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majestys Revenue of two shill per Hhd Port Duties & Head Money were this Day Signed by the Governor

	£	s	d
For half a years Salary to the Governor	1000	—	—
For half a years Salary to the Council	300	—	—
To the Judges and other Officers of a Court of Oyer and Terminer	100	—	—
For half a Years Salary to the Auditor of the Plantations	50	—	—
For half a Years Salary to the sollicitor of the Virginia Affairs	50	—	—
For half a Years Sallary to the Attorney General	35	—	—
For half a Years Sallary to the clerk of the Council	50	—	—
To the Ministers attending one General Court	6	—	—
For half a Years to the Armourer	6	—	—
For half a Years Salary to the Gunners of the Batterys.	23	10	—
For Repairs done to the Governors House	78	2	6
For Contingent Charges	393	13	11
For half a Years Salary to the Adjutant	75	—	—

And out of the Quitrents

To Mr Commissary Blair	50	—	—
To Mr Attorney General	35	—	—

The Account of his Majesty's Revenue of 2/. per Hhd. Port Duties & Head Money ending the 25th of October last was presented by the Receiver General who made oath thereto & the same being examined by the Deputy Auditor was certified by the Governor as usual

At a Council held at the Capitol April 3d 1740

Present The Governor

James Blair John Carter
Cole Digges John Custis &
John Robinson Philip Lightfoot Esqrs

The Governor laid before the Board a Letter from the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations Dated at Whitehall July 5th 1739 and the several Addresses therein mentioned Also a Copy of a Commission from his Majesty to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty bearing Date the 30th Day of November in the 13th Year of his Reign for the Tryal and Condemnation of Prizes

Also their Lordships Warrant to the Court of Vice Admiralty here Dated the 13th Day of December 1739 to proceed to the Tryal and Condemnation of Prizes.

And also two Letters from the Right Honourable the Duke of New Castle one Dated 29th October 1739 the other the 5th January in the same Year[8] and the same were severally read

Upon Consideration of which said several Letters last mentioned It is the Opinion of the Board That a Proclamation[9] issue to invite Men to inlist themselves in his Majesty's Service and that as a further Encouragment they shall enter into imediate pay & receive two Guineas each Man at the Time of their Embarkation

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[8]Old Style, or 1740 according to the present calendar. The commencement of the year in Great Britain and the American colonies was changed from March 25 to January 1 in 1752.

[9]See pp. 474-475.

At a Council held at the Capitol April 18th 1740

Present The Governor

James Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot &

Thomas Lee Esqrs

The Duke of New Castle's Letter to the Governor of the 5th of January last being read The Council took into Consideration what further Encouragements may be necessary to induce Men to List in his Majesty's Service and thereupon It is the Opinion of the Board

That the Men to be inlisted pursuant to the Governors Proclamation shall receive two shillings and six pence Bounty Money at the Time of inlisting that their pay be a Pistole a Month & that instead of two Guineas they be paid three Pistoles at the Time of Embarkation as a further Bounty which last mentioned Bounty they may assign over. And that until they Embark they be found Provision at the Kings Expence and Quarter'd at such Places as the Governor shall appoint.

On the Motion of the Officers of his Majestys Revenue the Governor is desired to issue Rights for taking up his Majestys Lands to the value of Five hundred Pounds.

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Caroline

It is the Opinion of the Board That a Proclamation[10] Issue for putting the Laws in Execution against Vagabonds and the Governor is desired to issue his Proclamation accordingly.

At a Council held at the Capitol April 30th 1740

Present The Governor

James Blair	John Carter
William Byrd	John Grymes
Cole Digges	John Custis
John Robinson	John Tayloe &

Philip Lightfoot Esqrs

[10]See pp. 476-477.

Ordered That new Commissions of the Peace issue for the following Counties and that the Persons hereafter named be added to the present Justices in those Counties respectively, viz., for

Gloucester	Samuel Buckner and Beverley Whitinge to the Quorum, David Alexander and John Thruston.
Middlesex	John Smith next the Quorum Christopher Curtis
James City	John Græme.
Northampton	William Smith, John Savage John Marshall, Edmund Custis, Dighby Seamore & John Roberts of Occahanock
Isle of Wight	William Hodsden, Ethelred Taylor, Rich[d]. Hardy, Benjamin Clements, James Ridley Howell Edmonds & John Dunksley

The Account of Contingent Charges from the 25th of Octob[r] 1739 to the 28th of April 1740 And also an Account of Work and Repairs done about the Governors House from the 25th of October 1739 to the 25th of April 1740 were severally examined and allowed
Ordered

That his Majesty's Warrant to the Receiver General dated 23[d] June[11] 1739 for payment of the Arrears and the growing allowance of 150 £ per Annum to the Auditor and Surveyor General of his Majesty's Revenues in America for the Incident Charges of his Office be enter'd in the proper Book for that purpose

At a Council held at the Capitol May 26th 1740

Present The Governor

John Robinson	John Custis
John Carter	William Randolph &
John Grymes	Thomas Lee Esq[r]

Ordered That no Person impowered to enlist Men for his Majestys Service do presume to enlist Servants upon any pretence whatsoever; and that this Order be forthwith printed & also published in the Gazette that no such Person may pretend Ignorance thereof

[11]In the corresponding entry in the *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [19], this month is given as January.

At a Council held at the Capitol May 28. 1740

Present The Governor

James Blair	John Grymes
Cole Digges	John Custis
John Robinson	William Randolph &
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot Esq^{rs}

The Governor acquainted the Board that as now some estimate might be made of what Number of Men would be raised here for his Majesty's Service he has proposed to send a Messenger to Philidelphia to hire Vessels to transport them but that he had been last Night informed by the Gentlemen of Norfolk that a sufficient Number of Vessels might be hired here Whereupon Mr Boush, Mr Walke & Mr Hutchings were called in and confirmed what had been related to the Governor And Mr Boush and Mr Walke informing the Board that they did not propose to let to hire any Vessel of their own for the Service aforesaid and Mr Hutchings Declaring that he was willing to contract for the Hire of one or more Vessels He was desired to make a computation of the Charge of fitting out such Vessel or Vessels and at what Rates they might be let to Hire according to their Tonange by the Month, to be laid before the Board to morrow Morning

At a Council held at the Capitol May 31st 1740

Present The Governor

James Blair	William Randolph
John Carter	John Tayloe &
John Grymes	Philip Lightfoot Esq^{rs}.

The Governor acquainted the Board that he had advanced the Bounty Money to be paid at the Time of Enlisting to a considerable Number of Men that have been raised for the intended Expedition mentioned in the Duke of Newcastles Letter of the 5th of January last; and that they are now Impatient to receive their pay The Board taking that Matter into Consideration are of Opinion That as it must be very much for his Majesty's Service to Subsist the Men so raised so they concieve it adviseable that His Honour should subsist them upon his own Credit 'til the Arrival of Colonel Blaikney or until such Time as the Governor shall be further informed of his Majesty's pleasure in relation to the said Expedition

The Board being informed that Mr Hutchings had made an Estimate of the Charges of Equipping and Hiring Vessels to transport the Men that have been or may be expected to be raised in this Colony for His Majesty's Service as required by the Board on Wednesday last He was called in and after some Proposals made to him which he refused to accept at last agreed to provide Three Hundred and fifty Ton of Shipping for the purpose aforesaid furnished with Hearths & Coppers sufficient for dressing Victuals for the said Men according to the Burthen of such respective Vessel and als[o] to provide and put on Board sufficient Water Casks, Water Candles[12], and Fewel for the Voyage: Which Vessel shall be ready so furnished as aforesaid to take on board the said Men by the fifteenth Day of July next He also agreed to Victual the Sailors at his own Expence for and in Consideration of the sum of fifteen shillings Sterling per Ton by the Month for the first three Months and afterwards at the Rate of fourteen Shillings sterling per Ton by the Month for so long time as the said Vessels shall continue in his Majestys Service after the first three Months, Which Vessels are to enter into pay (being ready and provided as aforesaid) on the said fifteenth Day of July. But if before the Time the said Hutchings shall have Notice from the Governor that such Vessels are not wanted the said Hutchings agreed to accept one Months pay at the Rate first mentioned but he is also to be reimbursed what loss he shall sustain by the Water Cask Furnaces & Hearths by him provided in pursuance of this Agreement And if the said Vessels shall actually begin & enter upon a Voyage in the Service aforesaid Then the said Hutchings is to receive three Months pay notwithstanding such Voyage shall be sooner countermanded And in Case the said Hutchings shall fail to provide Shipping according to his Agreement aforesaid by the time herein before limited then he agrees to forfiet one Months pay according to the Rate at which he is to be paid for the first three Months and that the said Vessels so to be by him provided as aforesaid shall not enter into pay til the fifteenth Day of August following.

Which Agreement the Board do approve of

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[12]In the corresponding entry in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [20], there is a comma between "Water" and "Candles." A water candlestick (obs.) was a vertical tube filled with water, to hold a floating piece of wax candle, and water candles in this sense would differ from the meaning evidently intended.

At a Council held at the Capitol June 2d 1740

Present

The Governor

John Carter	William Randolph
John Grymes	John Tayloe &
John Custis	Philip Lightfoot Esqrs

The Governor acquainting the Board that he had received Advice of the taking of several homeward bound Ships and desiring to know the Opinion of the Board whether the Ships which are now ready to Sail should be detained for Convoy It is the Opinion of the Council That it will be more for the Interest both of the Owners & Freightors of those Ships that the[y] should now Sail without Conway [*i. e.* convoy] rather than be detained so long as it must be before a Convoy can be had

At a Council held at the Capitol June 5th 1740

Present The Governor

James Blair	John Custis
Cole Digges	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot &

Thomas Lee Esqrs

Upon Consideration of the Petition of some of the Justices of Lancaster County Ordered That the Court of the said County do proceed without Delay to agree with Workmen for building a New Court House according to the Directions of a former Order of this Board

At a Council held at the Capitol June 11th 1740

Present The Governor

James Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot &

Thomas Lee Esqrs

Ordered That when the Warrants to collect the Quitrents shall be hereafter issued a Clause be inserted in the said Warrants directing the Sherifs of the several Countys in this Dominion to give early Notice to the People in their respective County's That if they do not pay their Quitrents in Tobacco on or before the first Day of June then next following no Tobacco will be received afterwards in discharge thereof but the same shall be paid in Money.

The Governor was pleased to appoint the several Persons hereafter Named to be sherifs of the following Counties[13]. viz.

Hanover.....Michael Holland
King and Queen.....Mordecai Throckmorton
Norfolk.....Samuel Smith
Richmond.....Anthony Sidnor
Caroline.....William Taliaferro
Nansemond.....Thomas Swann
Brunswick.....John Duke
Elizabeth City.....John Lowry
Lancaster.....Joseph Carter
Northampton.....Joachin Michael
York.....John Goodwin
Accomack.....Anderson Patterson

Robert Rose, Clerk, having enter'd a Caveat against granting a Patent to Charles Lewis Gentleman for any Quantity of Land in Goochland on Tye River alias Little River alias Gorrandbuck. On hearing the Parties by their Counsel The Case appeared to be That Thomas Chew Gentl. & the said Robert Rose the Twelfth Day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty four Petitioned the Governor in Council for a Grant of Fifteen thousand Acres of Land in Goochland County lying on a Branch of James River South West from a Mountain in Hanover County commonly known by the Name of the lost Mountain which Petition was refer'd for the Petitioners giving a more particular Description of the situation of the Land they intend to take up. And that afterwards at a Council held the fourth Day of November 1735. Leave was granted to the said

[13]In the corresponding table in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [22], Mordecai Throckmorton is given as Mordecai Throgmorton; Gloucester County is listed without an appointee; Joachin Michael appears as Joakim [?] Michael; and Isle of Wight County is added with Nath: Ridley as sheriff.

Thomas Chew and Robert Rose to enter for and Survey Twenty thousand Acres of Land in Goochland County near the Great Mountains lying on both sides Tye River or Little River a Branch of James River about fifteen Miles to the South West of Rock Fish River. But that in the Mean Time the said Charles Lewis made several Entries with the surveyor of the said County for two thousand Acres of Land within the Limits of the said Twenty thousand Acres and that afterwards the said Charles Lewis having enter'd a Caveat against granting a Patent to the said Thomas Chew and Robert Rose according to the order aforesaid & neither the said Thomas Chew nor Robert Rose appearing It was the Opinion of the Council & accordingly ordered upon the fifth Day of May 1739 That the said Charles Lewis ought to have his Land surveyed according to the aforesaid Entries. Whereupon the said Robert Rose entered a Caveat against granting a Caveat to the said Charles Lewis according to the said last mentioned Order Upon Consideration of the Arguments & what offered on both sides and for as much as it does not appear that the said Robert Rose had Notice to make his Objections against granting the Order aforesaid to the said Charles Lewis It is Considered and accordingly Ordered That the said Charles Lewis have leave to Survey Two thousand Acres of Land beginning at the Mouth of Lewis's Creek in one entire Survey but he is to take the same according to the Orders of the Government and that a Patent be granted him accordingly the above mentioned Order of the fourth of November 1735 in any wise notwithstanding And that no Patent Issue to the said Thomas Chew and Robert Rose or either of them until the said two thousand Acres be first Surveyed

Richard Hamack having enter'd a Caveat against granting a Patent to Holden Wager for eight hundred Acres of Land in the County of Hanover joining to the Land of Timothy Dalton jun^{r} For reasons appearing to the Board the said Caveat is discharged. And It is Ordered That a Patent issue to Michael Holland for the said Land.

Richard Hamack having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to John Henry and Christopher Clark for eight hundred Acres of Land in the County of Hanover between the Ledges of Mountains adjoining to the Land of William Carr and Joseph Martin the said John Henry and Christopher [Clark] having neglected to sue out a Patent for the same in due time It appearing by the Return of the said Sherif that the said John Henry has been summoned and a Copy of the Summons left for the said Christopher Clark and neither of them appearing It is Ordered That a Patent issue to the said Richard Hamack for the said eight hundred Acres of Land

Stephen Hughes having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to any person whatsoever for any quantity of Land on little Roanoke between the Land Surveyed for Col: Richard Randolph and the Mouth of Falling River the said Hughes not appearing the said Caveat is discharged.

Benjamin Harrison of Charles City County Gent. having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to Benjamin Harrison of the County of Brunswick for three hundred and forty two Acres of Land in the last mentioned County lying on the South side the Great Creek Beginning on the Line of the first named Benjamin Harrison and so running several Courses according to a Survey, made the 28th February 1734 by Drury Stith Surveyor of the aforesaid County of Brunswick Benjamin Harrison of the last mentioned County being Summoned and appearing acknowledged he had not yet sued out a Patent for the said Land and he offering nothing to excuse his neglect Ordered that a Patent issue to the said first named Benjamin Harrison of the aforesaid County of Charles City for the said three hundred and forty two Acres of Land.

William Brown having entered a Caveat [against] granting a Patent to William Poole for three hundred and ninety seven Acres of Land in Brunswick County binding on the Land of Henry Browne the said William Poole having neglected to sue out a Patent for the same in due time And it appearing by the Return of the Sherif of the said County That the said William Poole has been Summoned and he not appearing It is Ordered That a Patent be granted to the said William Browne for the said Land

James Maxwell having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to Richard Barnard for any quantity of Land lying in that part of Spotsylvania now Orange County supposed to Escheat from Thomas Stonehouse deceased. The said Maxwell not appearing Ordered That the said Caveat be discharged

Jacob Ogleby having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to Philip Thurman for two hundred Acres of Land in the County of Goochland lying on the Mouth of Hardwar River adjoining to the Land of William Kennon. The said Thurman having neglected to sue out a Patent for the same in due Time It appearing by the Return of the Sherif that the said Philip Thurman has been summoned and He not appearing Ordered That a Patent be granted to the said Jacob Ogleby for the said two hundred Acres of Land

James Pittillo having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to Solomon Harman and Thomas Harman for one thousand acres of

Land in Prince George County lying on the Branches of Glances Quarter and adjoining to the Land of George Smith no Patent having been sued out for the same in due time For Reasons appearing to the Board the said Caveat is discharged

James Pittillo having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to Cornelius Fox for four hundred Acres of Land in the County of Prince George lying on the South side of Stoney Creek on Mortar Branch between the Lands of John Evans and Joseph Tucker the said Cornelius Fox having neglected to sue out a Patent for the same in due time It appearing by the Return of the Sherif of the said County That the said Cornelius Fox has been Summoned and He not appearing It is Ordered that a Patent be granted to the said James Pittillo for the said Four hundred Acres of Land

John Parker having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to Thomas Wrenn for four hundred Acres of Land in the County of Isle of Wight called the Deep Meadow for reasons appearing to the Board the said Caveat is discharged.

Upon the Representation of Col° Robert Bolling in behalf of Thomas Dickson who by an Order of this Board of the 14th of June 1739 had leave to enter for and Survey One thousand Acres of Land including a former Survey of Four hundred Acres Begining at a Corner Red Oak of John Winfields & his own Line thence along Winfields Line to a Branch Thence down the Branch to a Blazed Poplar thence to a Blazed White Oak in Col° Robt Munfords Line where Martha Alexander lives thence along his Line to the Church Road & round to the Beginning The said Order is Renewed

Upon the Representation of Col° Robert Bolling on behalf of William Eppes who by an Order of this Board of the fourteenth of June 1739 had leave to enter for and Survey eight hundred Acres of Land in Prince George County Beginning at his own Corner on the South side of Josephs Swamp thence along his own Line to a Branch called Cottens Branch to the Fork Thence up the South Fork to Richard Carlisle's Line and his own Line including two former Surveys One of one hundred & the other of one hundred and seventy two Acres and to have an Inclusive Patent for the same The said Order is renewed

David Merriwether having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to Tarlton Fleming and Stephen Hughes for eight hundred Acres of Land in the County of Hanover lying on the South Side of the Southanna and the Heads of Cross Creek joining on the Lands of John Coles and the said Tarlton Fleming and Stephen Hughes not

having sued out a Patent for the same in due Time and they having been Summoned and not appearing, Ordered That a Patent issue to the said David Merriwether for the said eight hundred Acres of Land

At a Council held at the Capitol June 12th 1740

Present The Governor

James Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	William Randolph
Cole Digges	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot &
John Carter	Thomas Lee Esqrs

Joseph Bingley having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to William Battersby for Four hundred Acres of Land in the County of Goochland joining on the Land of Thomas Dickens John Chastain and others on the lower Manakin Creek For reasons appearing to the Board the said Caveat is discharged

Robert Sharp and Thomas Langford having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to William Hicks John Hicks and John Stanley for one hundred and seventy six Acres of Land or thereabouts in the County of Hanover joining to the Lines of Col. John Chiswell James Anthony and John Dixon The Summons being returned examined and the said William Hicks and John Hicks by a Note under their Hands declaring that John Stanley of whom they purchased had neglected to sue out a Patent for the said Land in due Time and that they desire a Patent may be granted for the same to Robert Sharp It is Ordered That a Patent Issue to the said Robert Sharp and Thomas Langford for the Land in the said Caveat mentioned

Robert Sharp having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent for one hundred and seventy four Acres of Land in the County of Hanover joining to the Lines of William Chamberlayne deceased William Chambers and Matthew Syms George Syms deceased having neglected to sue out a Patent for the same in due time It appearing by the Return of the Sherif that John Syms Son and Heir of the said George Syms has been Summoned and He not appearing Ordered That a Patent Issue to the said Robert Sharp for the said One hundred and seventy four Acres of Land

Upon Consideration of the several Petitions of the following Persons leave is granted them respectively to enter for and survey the several Parcels of Land hereafter mentioned.

To William Starke two thousand Acres of Land in Prince George County on both sides of Saponie Creek that is to say five hundred Acres on the South side of the said Creek and one thousand five hundred Acres on the North side thereof adjoining to a former Survey of the said William Starks and to include the whole in one survey & Patent according to a former Order

To Thomas Jones One thousand Acres in the County of Amelia on both sides of the Hurricane adjoining to Abraham Jones's upper Line.

To Charles Weatherford eight hundred Acres in the County of Amelia beginning at the Mouth of the Great Fork above the Horse Pen thence up the Fork and both sides of Flatt Creek so as to include the said Number of Acres

To William Watson six hundred Acres in the County of Amelia on both sides of Namizeen Road joining to Crawleys Tuckers and Blands Lines.

To James Daniel late of Middlesex County five thousand Acres in Bru[n]swick County on some small Branches of North East Creek on the North side thereof (which Creek issues out of Otter River which comes out of Stanton River) Beginning on the North side of a small Oak Mountain joining on the South East on John Phelps Entries.

To Arthur Hopkins three thousand Acres in Goochland on the Branches of the Rivanna and Cunninghams Creek and to include three Surveys and one Entry by him already made Beginning at his upper Corner.

To William Megginson Six thousand Acres in Brunswick County lying on the North West side of John Phelps's and James Daniels Entries on the Branches of North East Creek which issues out of Otter River.

To Edward Colvill two thousand Acres in Brunswick County on the North side of Meherin River upon both sides of Couches Creek

To James Wood, John Shelton William Parks, and William Triplett twenty thousand Acres in Orange County adjoining to the Land heretofore granted to Robert Green, John Græme and Francis Kirkley.

To John Goodwin Eight hundred Acres in Surry County Beginning on William Saunders's Line on Pidgeon Creek Swamp on the North side thereof thence up the said Swamp to Benjamin Harrisons Line taking in all the Waste Land between the said Lines and to include the Plantation where he now Lives being a Survey of four hundred and twenty five Acres

George Rives twelve hundred Acres in Prince George County on the North side of Jone's Hole Swamp and on both sides the Cherry Orchard Branch bounded by the County Line and the Lines of Richard Bland Cuthbert Williamson Richard Hall and Richard Carlisle & to include two former Surveys one of two hundred and twenty five Acres the other of three hundred Acres.

Abraham Childers five hundred Acres in Henrico County joining upon the Lines of his former Order for seven hundred and fifty Acres & to include the whole in one Survey.

Richard Clough, John Raglin, and John Pettis twelve thousand Acres in Brunswick beginning at the Mouth of Bryer Creek on Falling River and along both sides of the said Creek to take in the abovementioned Number of Acres

To Peter Brewer a thousand Acres in Brunswick County Beginning at the upper Corner of his first Survey thence to the lower Corner of his Second Survey thence along the upper Line of the Second Survey to his upper Corner Thence running off to the Head of the three Creeks from thence to the lower Line of his first Survey

To Richard Randolph, Isham Randolph and Edward Randolph Sixty thousand Acres of Land in the County of Brunswick at the Great Mountains upon the North and South forks of Otter River and on both sides of Stanton River and the several Branches thereof and the Branches of Goose Creek paying Rights so that they do not make more than three Surveys of the whole.

To Tilman Patterson two hundred and fifty Acres in Prince George County lieing on the Great Branch or Blands Swamp and the Reedy Branch adjoining to four hundred to him already granted & to include the whole in one Patent.

To Jacob Michau twelve hundred Acres in Goochland on Bad luck Creek Green Creek and Angola Creek already Surveyed in three several Surveys to be included in one Survey & Patent.

To Henry Anderson and Matthew Talbott Five thousand Acres in Brunswick County lying on a Branch of Falling River and extending towards the Main River

To Charles Cottrel one thousand Acres in Amelia County on Bush River joining on the Lines of Colonel William Randolph and Captain Nash.

To William Thompson one thousand Acres in Prince George County on the Rocky Run on the south side Stoney Creek to include his Plantation and an Entry by him already made in one Survey and Patent

To Robert Atkins eight thousand Acres in Goochland on the South side of James River lying between Randolph's Creek and Phelps's Creek alias Bear Garden Creek adjoining to Wintworth Webbs upper Line on Buckingham Path and to William Kennon, Stephen Hughes and John Alexander contiguous to four hundred Acres by him already entered for and to include the whole in one Patent.

To Samuel Winn, four hundred and fifty seven Acres in Brunswick County lying on the South Side of Nottoway River adjoining to five hundred and forty three Acres by him already Surveyed and to include the whole in one Patent.

To Stephen Collins two thousand Acres of Land in Amelia County on both sides of Spring Creek Beginning at Samuel Cobb's corner Spanish Oak thence up and down the said Creek so as to take in the said Number of Acres.

To Mathew Godwin One thousand Acres of Land in Prince George County lying between Harris's Swamp and Sapponie adjoining to his own and John Winefields Lands.

To Samuel Westbrook one thousand Acres of Land in Isle of Wight County on the North side of Meherin River and on the North side of the Flatt Swamp

Charles Jennings having Petitioned to enter for and Survey eight hundred Acres of Land on the South side of Nottoway River Beginning at a white Oak near the Foarding place called the Red Banks and running along the River so as to take in the said Number of Acres The Consideration of the said Petition is put off for the Petitioner to ascertain in what County the Land lies

Henry Fitz having Petitioned to enter for & Survey one thousand Acres of Land on the North side of Hatchers Run and to include Andersons Survey The said Petition being imperfect the Consideration thereof is defered

Adam Dickie Clk having prefer'd three several Petitions to enter for and Survey the following Tracts of Land viz. One thousand Acres between Burks Run and the Hawksbill Pass on this side the Ridge of Mountains.

Five thousand Acres on the other side of the said Ridge joining Col. Charles Carters Line on Sherrando River.[14]

And Six hundred Acres of Land lieing between Major Thorntons Land & between Hughes's and Thorn's River The said several Tracts

[14] *I. e.* Shenandoah River which appears in this volume also as Sherando and Ferrendo.

of Land lying within the Bounds in Controversy between his Majesty and the Lord Fairfax and the Consideration of the said Petitions is deferred till that matter shall be finally determined

The same Order upon the Petition of Robert McKay and Joist Hyte

The Petition of Richard Ward and John Bolling being this Day read at the Board upon Consideration thereof leave is granted them to enter for and Survey Ten Thousand Acres of Land in Brunswick County on the South Fork of Roanoke Beginning at Wards Bark House branch and running up both sides thereof to the said Fork.

James Jolliff by his Petition setting forth That in the Year 1726 his Father Thomas Jolliff obtained a Warrant to the Escheator to Enquire whether One Hundred and fifteen Acres of Land did Escheat to his Majesty by an Inquisition taken pursuant thereto it was found that the said Land did Escheat to his Majesty But that before a Patent could be obtained for the said Land the said Thomas Jolliff dyed the Petitioner being very Young but the Quitrents of the said Land have been always paid out of the Petitioners Estate and no Person has ever attempted to Traverse the Escheat or disturb his Possession Upon Consideration whereof It is Ordered That a Patent Issue to the said James Jolliff for the said Land paying the Composition and performing what is Usual in the like Cases.

Charles Lowndes Mariner by his Petition setting forth that he built a Brigantine named the Hannah in Norfolk County That the said Vessel being bound to Choptank River in Maryland to take in a load of Tobaco he applyed to Major Wilson Cary Naval Officer of Hampton for the Entry and Clearance of the said Vessel who demanded the Duty of Fifteen pounds[14a] Sterling per Ton which the Petitioner paid rather than the said Vessel should be detained from her Voyage Upon Consideration whereof It is Ordered That the said Wilson Cary do certifie whether the said Vessel took in any part of her loading in this Colony or not And if it shall appear that she did not then that the said Duty be returned to the Petitioner

Upon Consideration of the Petition of John Buckner of York County Gent for the Reasons therein set forth leave is granted him to Munumit [*sic*] and set free a Mulatto Named John Jones born a Slave

The Petition of Thomas Williams being this Day read at the Board upon Consideration thereof leave is granted him to enter for and Sur-

[14a]This should be pence. The clerk apparently intended to correct pounds to indicate pence, the letters of the word, except the first, being faint as if erasure had been attempted.

vey Six thousand Acres of Land in Brunswick County Beginning on one of the Branches of Roanoke and so Running along the same to take in the said Number of Acres.

The Petition of Thomas Hunt being this Day read at the Board upon Consideration thereof leave is granted him to enter for and Survey eight hundred Acres of Land in Prince George County Beginning on the County Line thence along the said Line to Thomas Jones's Corner thence to the Tar Kiln thence to the Mirey Branch and running up the same to Thomas Butlers Line thence along the same so as to take in the said Number of Acres

Henry Wood having obtained a Patent bearing Date the 28th Day of September 1730 for two hundred Acres of Land in Hanover County lieing and being between the Lines of Watson and Alves and by his Petition setting forth that one of the Courses of the said Land is in the said Patent mentioned to be South thirty four Degrees and an half West Two hundred and twenty eight Poles whereas the true Course of the said Land is South Seventy eight Degrees West the same Number of Poles Which said first mentioned Course being mistaken It is Ordered that Instead of thirty four Degrees and an half West the said Patent be altered and made seventy eight Degrees West and that the Record thereof in the Secretarys Office be also altered and made conformable thereto.

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Isle of Wight.

At a Council held at the Capitol June 14th 1740[15]

Present The Governor

James Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot &

Thomas Lee Esqr

[15]*Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [23], shows a meeting on June 13, 1740, those present being the governor and "The Council as yesterday & John Custis Esqr." The only business shown is "New Commission for the Isle of Weight" which appears to have been included as the last entry in the journal for June 12.

The Governor acquainted the Board that he had last night received an Account from the Governor of MaryLand with a Letter from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle to Col° Spotswood lately deceased dated the 5th of January last and the said Letter being received The Governor was pleased to inform the Board that he thought it necessary and intended to [go to] New York upon the subject Matter of the said Letter as soon as this Session of Assembly should be ended.

And it being proposed by the Council The Governor was pleased to Appoint the Adjutant General to have the Chief Command and Direction of the new raised Levies until his Return.

At a Council held at the Capitol June 16th 1740

Present The Governor

William Byrd	John Custis
John Robinson	William Randolph &
John Carter	John Tayloe Esqrs
John Grymes	

The Governor laid before the Board a Letter from the Governor of Philidelphia which was read Upon Consideration whereof It is ordered That the Naval Officers of the several districts in this Colony Do upon the Arrival of every Ship within their respective Districts make diligent enquiry for one Robert Jenkins and him having found secure with his Baggage Goods and Effects and more particularly a Saddle so that he may be safely conveyed to the Public Gaol in Williamsburgh To the end such further Order may be made concerning him as to Justice doth appertain

At a Council held at the Capitol June 17th 1740

Present The Governor

James Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
John Robinson	William Randolph
John Carter	John Tayloe &

Philip Lightfoot Esqrs

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of two Shillings per Hhd Port Duties and Head Money were this Day Signed by the Governor. viz

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To the Governor half a Years Salary	1000..—..—
For half a Years Salary to the Council	300..—..—
To the Officers of the Court of Oyer and Terminer	100..—..—
For half a Years Salary to the Auditor of the Plantations	50..—..—
For half a Years Salary to the Sollicitor of the Virg[a] Affairs	50..—..—
For half a Years Salary to the Attorney General	35..—..—
For half a Years Salary to the Clerk of the Council	50..—..—
To William Prentis for so much paid the Ministers attending one General Court	6..—..—
For half a Years Salary to the Armourer	6..—..—
To William Prentis for so much paid for Repairs of the Governors House	103..18.. 9
To William Prentis for so much paid the Gunners of the Batteries for half a Years Salary	23..10..—
To William Prentis for so much paid for Contingent Charges	315.. 6.. 5
For half a Years Salary to the Adjutant	75..—..—
And out of the Quitrents	
To M[r] Commissary Blair	50..—..—
To the Attorney General	35..—..—

At a Council held at the Capitol August the 6th 1740

Present The Governor

James Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot &

Thomas Lee Esq[rs]

The Governor was pleased to Communicate to the Board his Majesty's Instructions under his Roial Signet and Sign Manuel Dated at Saint James's the Second Day of April last and the same being read and Considered It is the Opinion and Advice of the Board That a Proclamation[16] Issue giving Notice that the General Assembly will be held at the Time to which it stands Prorogued

[16]See p. 477.

And another Proclamation[17] offering a Pistole Reward for taking up a Diserter to be paid to the Person apprehending such Diserter upon his producing a Certificate thereof from a Justice of the Peace

The Governor acquainted the Board that He proposed that Mr Lawrence Washington Mr Charles Walker Mr Richard Bushrod and Mr James Mercer should be Captains in the Forces raised here to go upon the intended Expedition

Mr Francis Moss, Mr William Bellamy & Mr Lewis Browne Lieutenants and

Mr William Fitzhugh, Mr Hugh Rose Mr [. . .][18] Young & Mr [. . .][19] Pilott Ensigns & they were approved of by the Council.

Mr Richard Kennon agreed to let the Snow Phenix to be employed in Transporting Soldiers to be provided in the same Manner & upon the same Terms as had been agreed to by Captain Hutchings and undertook that the said Snow [Phenix] should be so provided and ready to take the Men on board by the Twentyeth Day of this Month

At a Council held at the Capitol August 25th 1740

Present	The Governor
James Blair	John Custis
Cole Digges	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot &
John Grymes	Thomas Lee Esqrs

An Account of his Majesty's Revenue of two Shillings per Hhd Port Duties and Head Money from the 25th of October 1739 to the 25th of April 1740 And an Account of his Majestys Quit Rents from the 25th of April 1739 to the 25th of April 1740 were presented by the Receiver General who made Oath to the said Accounts respectively

[17]See pp. 477-478.

[18-19]Blank in original. In a list of those to whom commissions had been issued to command the Virginia forces in this expedition (the Carthagena expedition), transmitted with Governor Gooch's letter of September 13, 1740, to the Duke of Newcastle, secretary of state, these names appear as William Young and Samuel Pilot.—Public Record Office of Great Britain, C. O. 5:1337, nos. 137-138 (Library of Congress transcript).

& the same having been examined by the Deputy Auditor were Certified by the Governor as usual

At the Council Chamber August 28th 1740

Present The Governor

James Blair	John Custis
William Byrd	William Randolph
Cole Digges	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot &
John Grymes	Thomas Lee Esqrs

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Stafford

Digby Seymour is appointed Coroner for the County of Northampton

A true Copy.
Test. Nath[l] Walthoe Cl. Conj.

Virginia.

A Copy of the Journal of the *Council,* from the Sixteenth of October One thousand Seven Hundred and Forty, to the Eleventh Day of June One thousand Seven Hundred and Forty One Inclusive.[20]

Minutes of Council,
From ye 16th of Octo^br^ 1740,
to ye 11th of June 1741

Rec^d^ Jan^ry^ ye 13th 1742/3.
with Col^o^ Gooch's Lett^r^
dated ye 11th of August 1742.

At the Council Chamber October 16. 1740

Present James Blair Esqr President

John Robinson	William Randolph
John Grymes	John Tayloe
John Custis	Philip Lightfoot and

Thomas Lee Esq^rs^

Mr President having Yesterday taken the oaths appointed to be taken by act of Parliament instead of the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and taken and Subscribed the oath of abjuration and Subscribed the Test in the General Court, was this Day Sworne duely to observe the acts of Trade.

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[20]From a photographic copy of original manuscript journal in the British Public Record Office, C. O. 5:1423, showing 47 unnumbered pages, including a separate title-page marked A. 3. (evidently a notation of the Board of Trade for classification or filing.—*Cf. Guide to the Materials for American History, to 1783, in the Public Record Office of Great Britain,* Washington, D. C., 1912-1914, v. 1, p. 104). The text of the journal was evidently written by an assistant to the clerk of the Council as the handwriting is different from the latter's attestation at the end. The title is in a different handwriting from that of the two endorsements which follow it and from that of the body of the journal. Title and endorsements correspond respectively as to handwriting to those of the journal covering the period, October 15, 1741-July 26, 1742, which was received by the Board of Trade at the same time (*cf. Journal of the Commissioners for Trade and Plantations from January 1741-2 to December 1749,* London, 1931, p. 59). The endorsements were no doubt supplied by a clerk of the Board of Trade.

John West is appointed an Inspector of Tobacco at Hunting Creek Warehouse.

Mr President Communicated to the Board a Letter From the Governor of New York in Relation to his having concluded a Peace with the Six Nations of Northern Indians, wherein the Indians Tributary to this Government are Included and to the payment of Philip Livingston Esqr his account for presents in behalf of the Governor of Virginia to the Sachims of the Six Nations sent with the said Letter and the Same being read Mr. Receiver General is desired to apply to Mr Gooch for Information of what has passed Between the Governor of this Colony and the Governor of New York in relation to the said Demand, and the said account is referred to Mr Auditor Blair to Examine.

John Royal is appointed an Inspector of Tobacco at Turkey Island Warehouse in the Room of Richard Royal who resigns.

On the Motion of the officers of his Majesty's Revenue they are ordered to Issue Rights for taking up his Majesties Lands, to the Value of Five Hundred Pounds.

John Marshall is appointed an Inspector of Tobacco at the Warehouses at Cherrystones and Hungers.

At the Council Chamber October 25. 1740

Present James Blair Esqr. President

William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	John Tayloe, and
John Robinson	Thomas Lee Esq^rs

Watkins Nicholson is appointed an Inspector of Tobacco at Cabbin Point Warehouse in the Room of [. . .][21] who resigns.

[21]Blank in original. Probably Thomas Cock who was appointed on November 1, 1739 (see p. 2).

At the Council Chamber October 28. 1740[22]

Present James Blair Esqr President

John Robinson	William Randolph
John Grymes	John Tayloe and
John Custis	Thomas Lee Esq^{rs}

Upon the motion of John Robinson Esqr in behalf of himself William Gooch the Younger Esqr Henry Robinson Thomas Lewis, and Andrew Lewis who by an order of this Board made the twenty Fifth of October 1739. Had Leave to Enter For and Survey 30,000. acres of Land in Orange County in the said Order particularly mentioned. It is Ordered that they be at Liberty to make two Surveys of the said Land.

Upon Further Consideration of the Letter From the Governor of New York in relation to his having concluded a peace with the Six Nations of Northern Indians. It is ordered that the Treaty therein mentioned be recorded in the Council Books, and that the President be desired to make the Cawtawba and Cherrikee Indians acquainted with so much of the Contents of the said Letter as concerns them. And upon Consideration of the Governors Answer to another Letter from the Governor of New York whereby it appears that he had Engaged to discharge the necessary Expence of Negotiating the said Treaty in behalf of the said Indians Tributary to this Government. It is ordered that the sum of one Hundred Pounds Sterling be paid by the Receiver General in Discharge of Philip Livingston Esqr his account for presents as aforesaid.

The Treaty is as Follows.

Present the Honourable George Clarke Esqr Lieuten^{t} Govern^{r} Philip Livingston, Philip Cortlandt, Daniel Horsemanden Esq^{rs} of the Council; The Commissioners for managing Indian Affairs.

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[22]*Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [28], shows also Philip Lightfoot and William Byrd present at this meeting, the latter coming in late. It also has, as the first business of this meeting, "William Harcomb appointed an Inspect^{r} at Wiccocomico in the room of Ellis Gill who resigns."

Proposition made by the Honourable George Clarke Esqr. Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Cheif of the Province of New York &c To the Six Nations of Indians Viz[t] The Mohawks, Oneydes, Onondages, Cayouges, Sinnikes, and Tuskarores, at Albany the 16th Day of August 1740

Brethren

I intended to have met you last Year, but the Small pox, a Distemper that has ever proved fatal to you, being then very rife in New York, I was fearfull that the Infection might be conveyed to you by some one or other; Curiosity generally leading many People From thence hither at the time of our meeting. In Tenderness, therefore, to you I put off our Interview to this time, and it is with much Pleasure I now see you, that we may brighten and Strengthen the Covenant Chain, that has so long tyed us in mutual Friendship and Brotherly affection, which I hope will continue inviolable to the End of the World, notwithstanding the Arts and Intrigues of our old Enemies, who leave no means unessayed to divide us; and take all occasions to weaken, and at length, to root out your Name and Nations; this the wisest amongst you know full well, but the ungovernable Passions of your youth often render your cooler and better Counsels Useless; Of this the frequent and almost constant practice of their joining the French Parties, who go out to destroy the distant Nations of Indians, with whom you have no pretense of Enmity is a flagrant Instance. Nor have the French any just Cause to Quarrel with them, for it is Cheifly to enlarge their Dominions, to bring Honest and Innocent Nations under their Power and Tyranny, and to make them Subservient to their unjust Views, that they make War against them; a Conduct very different from ours, who treat all those Nations of Indians, who are under the Protection of the great King your father, with Benevolence, Kindness, and Humanity, Studying to protect them in their Freedom, and wishing you all to increase in Number as the Stars in Heaven. Nor do we Seek occasion to extripate [*i. e.* extirpate] Nations with whom we have made no alliance, No, on the Contrary, we unite them with us, we receive them with open arms, and use them with Kindness and Humanity, Suffereing them to Enjoy, that inestimable Blessing their Liberty without Disturbance. In this Difference of our Conduct and that of the French, may be seen

the Difference between Freedom and Slavery, Between Englishmen and Frenchmen; and you are too discerning not to see which of them is the most eligible, and whose Friendship is most preferable.

You are, when you are united, like a Strong Rope made of many Small threads, which when twisted together, resist the greatest Force but by Seperating the Threads it is easily broken. The method your Enmies make use of to break you is this, They know it is In vain to assail you when twisted together, they therefore endeavour to divide you, and then break Some of the threads, by Leading Your Youth on Expeditions that they know will prove fatal to them, whereby the Rope will be so weakned by Degrees, that it will, at Length, Yeild to a Small Force. 'Tis high time, therefore to apply Your Selves heartily to make Your Youth Sensible of the Snake in the Grass, that they may avoid their Secret Enemy, and to inspire them with true Notions of Liberty, Virtue, and Honour. Are they Lovers of Liberty? Let them not Endeavour to deprive others of theirs; but teach them this Golden Rule of doing to others, only what they would that others Should do them. Is Virtue amiable in Your Eyes? Teach them how Detestable the Vices are of butchering their fellow Creatures, and Laying Waste whole Countries who have given them no Provocation. Is Cowardise a Vice they Hold in Contempt or a Coward a Wretch they dispise? Tell them it is base and Cowardly to kill helpless and defenceless Women and Children, and that the Scalps which they bring Home of such instead of being Trophies of their Valour will be monuments of their Barbarity, Cruelty, and Cowardice. Do they delight in the use of arms? The Savage Beasts will find them Employ, try their Courage, and inure them to Dangers. Have they filial Piety and Brotherly affection? let them reserve themselves to defend their Kindred and every thing that is dear to them from the attempts of their Enemies, if at any time they should be invaded. That will be a War, wherein you may reasonably hope for Success on your arms. For my part it is my Kind concern for you, that makes me speak thus to you; I have your peace and Happiness very much at Heart, and very Zealously wish you Prosperity. I would have all the Several Nations of Indians under the King's Protection how near or how distant so ever they live to or From us united in one comon Covenant Chain of Friendship and alliance: Such an Union would secure you From all the open attempts or Secret Snares of Your Enemies, be they who they will, and if there be any other Nations who have not yet put Themselves under his

Majesty's Protection, that you are willing to cultivate a good Understanding with, and who may be worthy of your alliance invite them to it, make them your fast Friends by that and all other arts of Friendship and Humanity that your United Body may still be stronger, and your Enemies have more Cause to dread you, if they should unjustly attempt any thing against you: Of whose Secret Practises too you ought alwayes to be watchfull; You have been Long acquainted with their arts; what is the End think you they propose to themselves in attempting to Seduce you. Is it Trade? No, they have a more beneficial one with other Nations, nor have they goods alwayes to supply you or them with: I will tell you what it is; You Lye too near them, you are able to annoy them when they give you just Provocation or to restrain them from their Wonted Cruelty to Nations Lying beyond you or in alliance with you; and now knowing their Views, you ought carefully to guard against their arts and Intrigues, and trusting to your own Virtue and Extensive alliance and the great King your Fathers Protection, you may live in peace, and enjoy the Fruits of your Labour with the Utmost Satisfaction and Security. If you neglect my advice, you will Sooner or Later have Cause to repent it; think Seriously of it and let your memory witness for me, that I gave you timely warning of your Fate. But I hope better things From you, and in that Hope I now renew brighten and Strengthen the Covenant Chain, assuring you that we will all on our part be carefull to keep it From Rust, and preserve it inviolable to the End of the World, and I Expect the same From you.

Gave a Belt of Wampum

Brethren

I am informed that some of the Onondage Sachims went to Canada to Speak with the Governor of that place after you had been all acquainted with my Resolution to meet you here this Summer, and not Long before the Interpretor went to Sumon You hither, which I cannot but resent but after what I have already said, I hope none of you will be any more misled by a People whom you have too much Cause to Suspect of Secret Designs against you.

Gave a String of Wampum

Brethren

I am very glad that the design which Some of you had to stop the Road to Owsego [*i. e.* Oswego] is laid aside, and the wiser Resolution taken of keeping it open. Your own Interest is highly concerned in having a Place of Trade in the Middle of your Nations, and I am perswaded that you feel the good Effects of it more and more. Suffer not therefore any more Interruption to be given to the Traders, but Encourage them to Frequent that Market by all the Good offices and assistance you can give them. You are sencible that I take all possible care, that you shall be well used in your Dealings nor is that all the benefit you receive. By having a Smith reside in the remotest of your Nations enables you to make your Hunting turn to a better account, than otherwise it would, for your Guns are now kept in good repair without the loss of time in travelling far From Home to have them mended when the[y] want it.

Gave a String of Wampum.

Brethren.

I highly commend your Wisdom in not Suffereing the French to get footing at Tierondequat; you are too well acquainted with them not to know that if by your Permission, they had built but a Small Fishing Hut there, they would soon without your Leave, have built a Fort, and then what had become of your Liberty? You must have held that, and your Country too, at their Pleasure, have been Compelled to Sell your Beaver and to take their goods at whatever price they would set upon them, whereby you would, in a Short time, be reduced to a most deplorable Condition. And if you do not Speedily fall upon some measures to prevent it, they may by Treachery gain their Ends, and Fix themselves there before you are aware of it.

Gave a Belt

Brethren

Upon Complaint made to the great King your Father by the Governor of Virginia that some of your young Men had murdered some of his Majesty's Subjects in that Province, I received his Majesty's Commands to conclude a General Peace Between you and all the Nations of Indians under his Majestyes Protection, of which I directed the Commissioners of Indian affairs to acquaint you, which they Did, and you expressed your Inclination to come into it; and that

you might be the better prepared to do it now, I sent you notice, That that was partly the Business of this Interview. All the Nations under the Kings Protection who live to the Westward and Southward of you, even as far as the Spaniards, would have sent their Deputies hither at this time, were it not, that we are now actually engaged in a War with Spain, however they have desired me to negotiate the Peace on their parts, assuring me they will ratifye it fully and absolutely, and I do solemnly engage for their Performance of it.

The Great King your Father looks upon you, and every Nation of Indians under his Protection as his Children, and it is his desire, That you should all live in the Strictest Friendship and Brotherly Affection with each other, and that you may be inseperably united. It is his Pleasure that all the Nations lying to the Westward and Southward of you, even as far as the River Mississipi be admitted into the Covenant Chain, so that From henceforth all animosities and all Causes of Dislike, Complaint, and Enmity may cease and be buried in eternal oblivion, and, being as one Family, you will be careful of each others Safety, not countenancing or concealing any attempts that you shall know to be Formed against any of you by any of your or our Enemies. but that you give imediate Notice thereof to the Nation against whom Such a Design is formed. This I Faithfully promise on the part of all the Nations of Indians to the Southward and Westward of you, Shall be performed by them to you, and I expect you make the like Solemn Promise to me on your Part.

Gave a Belt of Wampum

The Peace, about which I now treat with you, is not entered upon by me or the Nations I have mentioned of our own Head. It is what the great King your Father has Commanded and recomended to you all, and Surely his Commands, that carry with them, as this does, a General and paternal care and concern for the Peace and Happiness of all his Children and Subjects, cannot but be obeyed with Chearfulness, and observed with Constancy. His Majesty therefore expects it, and I do admit all the Nations of Indians under his Majesty's Protection Lying to the Southward and Westward of us, Even as far as the great River Mississipi into the Covenant Chain with us, as fully and absolutely to all Intents and purposes, as if they had been originally and Constantly comprehended in it, So that henceforward they are to be considered as our Brethren in all respects, as amply as if they had been born and bred in your own Castles and Houses, and descended from

your ancestors. To Confirm what I have said I give this Belt of Wampum which I desire may be kept by you for ever.

A true Copy Examined and Compared per Ph.
Livingston Secretary to the Indian affairs.

Answer made by the Six Nations of Indians to his Honour George Clarke Esqr Lieutenant Governor &c. in Albany the 17th Day of August 1740.

Present the Honourable George Clarke Esqr &c.
Philip Livingston, Philip Cortlandt, Daniel Horsmanden Esq^{rs}. of the Council, the Commissioners for managing the Indian affairs.

Brother Corlaer[23]

You spoke to us the other Day, and we have very well understood the Purport of what you said, we do not intend to repeat it Word for Word, but only answer the Principal Heads.

You told us the reason you did not come up before was, that the Small Pox were at New York, that you was fearfull that Distemper would Spread, that therefore it was out of Tenderness to us that you did not come.

You said also that you was Glad to see us here, we are also Glad of the opportunity to see our Brother here.

Brother Corlaer

You also said that the Reason of your Coming was to renew that antient Covenant Silver Chain, which has so long United our Fore Fathers, and to brighten and Strengthen the Same; and that the Covenant Chain was so Strong and bright that no Enmey [*sic*] can break the same while the World Endures.

Brother Corlaer

We the Six Nations do also as well as you Renew that antient Covenant Chain which has so long Subcisted Between our Forefathers, and make the Same bright, clear, and Strong, and promise on our part that it shall endure to the End of the World. No one that has Entered into Covenant with us has ever had reason to complain of us that we have been Covenant Breakers.

Gave a Belt of Wampum.

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[23]Indian name for governor of New York.

Brother Corlaer

You also Said that you had acquainted the Commissioners and they us that you intended Shortly to meet us here, and that we Should stay at Home and not go to Canada: We confess it was told us. You Said Likewise that you very much resented that some of the Onondago Sachims are gone to Canada, but we hope you will Excuse them, they are not gone there to do us hurt, but for the advantage of us all.

Gave a String of Wampum

Brother Corlaer

You also thanked us for our wise Management in Keeping open and Clearing up the Road to Oswego, and told us that the trading House there stands in the midst of our Nations. That it is a vast advantage to the Six Nations, because we can get there what we want or desire. But we think Brother, that your People who trade there, have the most advantage by it, and that it is as good for them as a Silver Mine.

Brother

You Said, That if at any time we Should see any of your People going to Oswego, that we Should assist them, we thank you for your Request, we like it very well; at the carrying Place they are generally in want of assistance, and we promise that we will help them there in carrying their Smaller things, but the Large Casks and Bails they may have rid over.

Brother

We desire that Powder and Lead may be Sold cheaper at Oswego than it is at present, which will be a means to draw the far Nations thither, and we hope that none of the Traders at Oswego may give any Reason or be the occasion of any Quarrel or Disturbance Between us.

We desire also that B. Corlaer will take care that we may be better paid for Building Houses at Oswego.

Gave a String of Wampum.

His Honour answered them.

Brethren

It Seems you do not rightly apprehend what I mean or intend when I recommend to you to assist your Brethren the Traders, when

they are going to Oswego to Trade. It is not that you Should carry any of their Smaller things on the Carrying Place, unless they do desire it From you, for that would be a means to discourage that Trade; wherefore you ought to Leave them at their Liberty and not Stop the Road nor interrupt that Trade which is certainly a great advantage to you as well as the far Nations.

As to what you desire to have Powder and Lead Sold Cheaper at Oswego than it is at present; The Market varies according as goods are in Demand in Europe. You have found by Experience that the more Skins are brought to Oswego and here, the cheaper you have goods. Every Man in Trade makes the best Bargain for himself he can, So that I can give no Directions how the Traders Shall sell their Goods, but only to recomend to them to Use you well, to Encourage the Trade in general, and to give no occasion of any Quarrel or Disturbance Between You.

Then the Indians Proceeded

Brother

You also said that we had acted very wisely in not Suffering the French to Settle at Tierondequat, and that if they had only Liberty to build a Fishing Hut there, they would soon build a Strong Fort. We perceive that both you and the French Intend to Settle that place, but we are fully resolved that neither you nor they Shall Settle there. There is a Jealousy Between you and the Governor of Canada about that Place, if either the one or the other Should Settle there we think it would breed mischeif, Such near neighbours Seldom can agree; We think the trading House at Oswego and that at Niagara are near enough to Each other, for trading Houses too near generally Quarrel about the Trade.

Gave a Belt.

Brother

You also told us that you compared us to a Rope, which being twisted together is Difficult to be broken, but when untwisted and divided into threads then it is easily broken. We think not that we divide this Rope of which you speak, but on the Contrary, Strengthen the Same by making Friendship and alliance with many Nations, which has always been Commanded us by all the Governors of New York. all the Indians which were Formerly our Enemies are now Entered into the Covenant with us, almost as far as the River Mississipi.

Brother

You also Said that you speak in the Name of the King of Great Britain our Father, That it is his will that all the Nations of Indians under his Protection Should be as one Body. as our Father the Great King has comanded us that we Should be as one Flesh and Blood with the Indians to the Southward and Westward as far as Mississipi, So we accept of them as Brethren, that we may be United as one Body one Heart and one Flesh according to the King's Commandment: but then we desire that some of the Sachims of those Southern Indians do come here, which will much Strengthen and confirm this Treaty; we will give them two Years time to come, and in the meantime keep at Home all our fighting men.

In Former times we were but Five Nations, but now so many are Entered into the Covenant Chain with us, both to the Westward and Northward, that they are almost innumerable, whom we must all acquaint with this Treaty to keep them at Home from going to Fight against the Southern Indians, who are the only Nations that are not Entered into Covenant with us.

Brother

The last Belt you gave us, to link us and the Southern Indians together we accept of, and it Shall be kept at Onondage; we promise that when those Southern Indians come here we will give them a Belt to answer this.

His Honours Answered them.

Brethren

If you were in earnest about the Peace of which we now Treat you would not insist upon those Nations Sending a Number of their Sachims here, no more than you did those to the Westward and Northward, and those Treaties were made with the Special Command of the King your Father. But in this Case the King himself interposes, and it is his will, as a Common Father that you Should live as Brethren together. It is impossible that all the Nations to the Southward Should meet you here or any where but they have made choise of me, and I Stand in their Stead; and as I told you before I do engage myself, that they Shall perform, what I have promised on their behalf.

Before I deliver you the Presents which I told Some of you I had From the Governor of Virginia for you in case you Firmly and Solemnly accepted all the Nations of Indians living to the Southward

and Westward as far as the River Mississipi; who are under his Majesty's obedience and Subjection, into the Covenant Chain, I expect that you will receive them and conclude a Peace with me on their behalf and return me a token to Send to the Governor of Virginia as an everlasting Testimony that you have concluded Such a Peace with them.

The answer of the six Nations to what his Honour said Now.

Brother

You just now told us That you was fully impowered by the Indians to the Southward and Westward as far as Mississipi, and that you can transact this affair as fully as if they were present; and that you engage for their performance of this Treaty. On which Consideration we do agree to the Terms required by you, and receive all the Indians aforesaid into the Covenant Chain with us, and shall ever look upon them as our Brethren; and as our own Flesh as if they had actually been born and bred amongst us. And as we have never yet been guilty of violating Treaties, So You may depend that we will keep this inviolable to the End of the World. In Testimony whereof we give you this Belt to be Sent to the Governor of Virginia as an Everlasting token of this Peace.

A true Copy Examined and Compared per
Philip Livingston Secretary to the Indian
affairs.

The account of Contingent Charges From the 25th of April 1740 to the Twenty fifth of October Following; and also an account of Work and repairs done about the Governors House were Severally Examined and allowed.

Edward Cary is appointed an Inspector of Tobacco at the Warehouse at Gloucester Town.[24]

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[24]The corresponding entry in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [29], gives the additional information: "in the room of of [*sic*] [. . .] Coleman decd." This was probably Thomas Coleman who was appointed on October 22, 1732. See *Executive Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia,* v. 4, p. 285.

At the Council Chamber November 3d 1740

Present James Blair Esqr President

William Byrd	John Grymes
John Robinson	John Custis
John Carter	William Randolph, and

Philip Lightfoot Esqrs

The Following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of two Shillings per Hogshead Port Duties and Head Money were this Day Signed by the President.

For half a Year's Sallary to the Governor	1000	..	..
For half a Year's Sallary to the Council	300	..	..
To the Judges & officers of a Court of Oyer & Terminer	100	..	..
To the Auditor of the Plantations	50	..	..
To the Sollicitor of the Virginia affairs	50	..	..
To the Attorney General	35	..	..
To the Clerk of the Council	50	..	..
To the Ministers attending two General Assemblys and one General Court	16	..	..
To the Armourer	6	..	..
To the Gunners of the Batteries	23	..	10
For Repairs done to the Governors House	31	..	13 .. 1
For Contingent Charges	340	..	2 .. 10
For half a Year's Sallary to the adjutant	75	..	..
And out of the Quit Rents			
To Mr Commissary for half a Years Sallary	50	..	..
To the Attorney General	35	..	..

The Council took under their Consideration the Case of the Criminals convicted this Court; which was, that one of Grand Jury, by whom the Several Bills of Indictment against them were found was not a Freeholder; which being discovered The Prisoners were, by Council assigned them by the Court for that purpose, made acquainted with it; and after having Conferred with their Counsel, and being given to understand that the Court were Sencible of the advantage they might take of this accident, they were brought to the Bar and waved taking any Exception to the Proceedings, but put themselves upon the mercy of the Court whereupon It is the

opinion and advice of the Board that his Majesty's most gracious Pardon be Granted them.

John Tyler is appointed an Inspector of Tobacco at Bowlers Warehouse in the Room of John Vass.

Upon Consideration of the Petition of John Smith, Zachary Lewis, William Waller, Robert Green, and Benjamin Waller, Leave is granted them to Enter For and Survey one Hundred thousand acres of Land in that part of Orange County which will be in the County of Augusta when that County Shall take place on the River and Branches of Roanoke and the Branches of James River.

The Several Petitions of John Palmer, Sterling Clack, and Bedford Davenport were read and referred to Mr Attorney General or Richard Francis Esqr to Examine the Petitioners Qualifications.

The account of his Majestyes Revenue of two Shillings per Hogshead Port Duties and Head Money ending the Twenty-Fifth of October Last was presented by the Receiver General who made oath thereto and the Same being Examined by the Deputy Auditor was Certified by the President in the Usual Form.

At a Council Held at the President's House December 10, 1740.

Present the Reverend James Blair President

William Byrd	John Grymes
John Robinson	William Randolph &
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot Esq^{rs}

Whereas William Byrd Esqr the 11th Day of June 1735 obtained an order of this Board to Survey 100000 acres of Land on both Sides the South Branch of Roanoke River Between Birches Creek and the Irvin in one or more distinct Tracts; Settling thereon one Family for each 1000 acres within two Years from the Last of October then next; for the doing Whereof further time has been allowed by Several Subsequent orders. The said William Byrd now acquainting the Board that he can no longer depend upon the Importation of Families to Settle on the Said Land, and moving for Leave to Survey and patent the Same, according to the said Order of the 11th Day of June 1735. paying Rights Leave is granted him accordingly.

Sheriffs were appointed of the following Counties for the Year Ensuing Viz^{t} For

Essex.....Francis Smith
Middlesex.....Christopher Curtis

Upon a Representation From the County Court of Brunswick Ordered that a New Commission of the Peace Issue for that County with the addition of the Following Persons Vizt. Michael Wall, Nicholas Edmunds, Drury Stith, George Hix, and William Hayward recommended by the said Court.

His Majestys Warrant under his Sign Manual bearing Date at St. James's the 16th Day of January 1739-40 Countersigned by His Grace the Duke of Newcastle His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, and Directed to the Lieutenant Governor, and in his absence to the Commander in Cheif or the President of the Council for the time being, to authorize the Granting Letters Patent under the Great Seal of this Colony, For appointing Head Lynch Esqr Clerk of the Naval or Navy Office of York River in the Room of William Robertson Esqr Deceased, was communicated to the Board by Mr President, and he desiring the advice of the Council thereupon: after Long Debate, the Majority of the Board were of opinion, That as William Gooch the Younger Esqr, Soon after Mr Robertson's Death, was appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, (with the advice of the Council) Naval Officer of York River pursuant to an act of Parliament made in the Fifteen Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second; and has given Security to the Comissioners of his Majesty's Customs, to his Majesty's Use, and been by them approved of, Pursuant to another act made in 7th 8th Years of the Reign of King William the third; and he having been also in like manner appointed Collector of the Virginia Duties, pursuant to Several Acts of Assembly of this Colony and the constant Usage in the like Cases (of all which they Conceive his Majesty had not been informed) That an Humble Representation of the Case be made to his Majesty and that the granting the Said Letters Patent to the Said Head Lynch be respited until his Majesty Shall be pleased to Signifie his Pleasure concerning the Premisses, and it is ordered by consent of the Parties that in the mean time the Profits of the said Office be Sequestered.

Upon reading a Letter From his Grace the Duke of Newcastle Dated at Whitehall Aprill the 18th 1740. Ordered that so many Copies of the Act of Parliament and Proclamation therein mentioned and Inclosed as Shall be necessary be forthwith printed and

sent to the Several Sherifs of this Colony; that they be directed to publish them on the Court Day of their respective Counties which Shall happen next after they Shall receive the Same and that after Publication thereof they deliver the Said Act of Parliament and Proclamation to the Clerks of their respective County Courts; and every Such Clerk is to affix the Proclamation in Some Public Place in his office, and to keep by him the act of Parliament to the End that all Persons may, for their Further Information have recourse thereto.

At a Council Held at the President's House Feb^{ry} 24th 1740[/41].

Present the Reverend James Blair President

William Byrd	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe, and
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot Esqrs.

The Council proceeded to the Consideration of the Subject matter of the Representation to be made to his Majesty in relation to the Sign Manual for appointing Head Lynch Esqr Clerk of the Naval or Navy office of York River; and, it being a matter of Great Importance, referred the Further Consideration thereof to a fuller Council.

The Council being informed that Several Masters of Ships were attending and Desired admittance, they were called in; and informed the Board, that by reason of the Severity of the Weather they had been prevented from Bringing more than a very inconsiderable part of their Loading on Board their Ships, and that Should Captain Lloyd with his Majesty's Ships the Winchester and South Sea Castle, under his Command leave the Country before they can Compleat their Loading which they beleive they cannot do before the Last of April, they Shall be obliged to return Home without Convoy, which will be Contrary to their Orders and Expose them to great Danger, They therefore made their Humble application to the Council, that they will be pleased to Employ their good Offices to Engage Captain Lloyd to prolong the time of his Departure until they can Compleat their Loading that they may have the advantage of Sailing under his Convoy. And then they withdrew.

Ordered that a Letter to Captain Lloyd, recomending to his Consideration the Difficulties the Ships have been under of getting their

Loading on Board almost Ever Since their arrival, and the ill Consequences that may attend their Sailing without Convoy.

And a Letter to Sir Yelverton Peyton Captain of his Majesty's Ship the Hector, Desiring him to Convoy the Mast Ships From New England hither; which will not only Induce Captain Lloyd to stay for the Ships in the Tobacco Trade, but enable him to Convoy them directly to England be prepared and Laid before the Board to Morrow Morning.

At a Council Held at the President's House Feb^{ry} 25th 1740[/41]

Present the Reverend James Blair President

William Byrd	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe, and
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot, Esq^{rs}

A Letter to Captain Lloyd, and a Letter to Sir Yelverton Peyton having been prepared according to the order of the Board, were Signed by the President and Council and Ordered to be Entered in the Proper Book.

The Board being informed by Captain Lloyd, that Upon their Letter he had determined to defer his Departure From hence till the 20th of April, Ordered That an Embargo be Laid on all Ships and Vessels bound for Great Britain until the said Twentyeth Day of April, and that the Naval officers do forthwith notifie the Same to the Masters of Ships in their respective Districts to the End they may prepare in due time to Join Captain Lloyd in Kiquotan Road in James River; and that the said Officers take care that no Ship or Vessel bound for Great Britain be cleared until Bond be Given as the Law directs for observing this Embargo.

At a Council Held at the Capitol April 23^{d} 1741.

Present the Honoble James Blair President

Cole Digges	John Custis
John Robinson	William Randolph
John Carter	John Tayloe, and
John Grymes	Thomas Lee Esqrs.

The President having been pleased to give a Commission To John Blair Esqr. to be Clerk of the Council in the Room of Benjamin Needler Esqr. Deceased, and he having Yesterday Taken the oaths appointed to be taken by act of Parliament Instead of the oaths of allegiance and Supremacy and having also taken the oath of abjuration and Subscribed the Test in the General Court, was accordingly admitted, and the Oath of his Office administer'd to him.

Mr Secretary's Petition for an Inclusive Patent for Sundry Contiguous Lands therein mentioned was granted accordingly.[25]

Ordered That Rights Issue to the value of Five Hundred Pounds as Usual.

Present William Byrd

Edmund Pendleton's Petition for a Licence to Practice as an attorney in the County Courts is granted on Condition of his producing a Certificate From the attorney General of his being Qualified, To whom the Examination thereof is now referred.[26]

John Wayles his Petition for the Same Granted as aforesaid.[27]

His Majesty's Warrant under his Royal Signet and Sign Manual in favour of Head Lynch Esqr which Stands referred for a fuller Council to make an Humble Representation of the Case to his Majesty before the granting any Commission to the said Lynch, Till his Majesty's Pleasure be known thereupon, being again Considered, and the Question put. Five of the Members present were for advising the President to grant a Commission to the Said Lynch without delay. The other Four now present were for respiting the Granting the Said Commission as agreed on in the First Council upon it.

But this being an Extraordinary Case in which it was thought necessary to have the Opinion of Every Member in the Country and Colonel Lightfoot who had given his opinion in the First Council for the respiting as above being Detained From attending by the

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[25]*Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [31], has the following written in the corresponding entry: "See at the End of the Book"; but the additional information referred to is not found in this book which is obviously incomplete. However, it appears from various entries that papers were sometimes laid in the book to be copied later in the journals or in other records.

[26]The corresponding entry in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [31], has "Ref^d^ to Mr Att^o^ Genl or Mr Francis to examine his qualifications, & report thereon."

[27]The corresponding entry in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [31], shows that this petition was also referred to the attorney general or Mr. Francis.

Gout, it was thought adviseable to Send a Messenger to him (with an account of what had now passed thereon) To desire his present opinion upon it; Which being received in the Following Words Vizt. York April 23d 1741. Sir. Mr Blair informs me that the affair of the Sign Manual in favour of Mr Lynch had been this day under Consideration of the Council who are desirous of my opinion upon the Question. I observe how differe[n]tly our Minds Seem to be affected in regard to the Consequence. Yet as I can't Conceive our humble Representation before the admission of Mr Lynch can possibly give his Majesty any offence; and as the matter is circumstanced be any Injury to him to wait his Majesty's Determination; therefore must adhere to my Former Opinion for respiting the Commission to Mr Lynch until the matter is represented and his Majesty's Pleasure known thereupon, and this be pleased to Communicate to the Council. I am Sr

To the Honourable
Mr President Blair
Williamsburg.

Yor most obedt Humble Servt
Phi. Lightfoot.

It is therefore Considered that the Council are Equally Divided upon it; and that for want of a Majority the Intended representation previous to the granting any Commission cannot be made.

The President Representing that the General Assembly which the Governor had Prorogued to the Last Thursday in December Last, had by him, (by his Proclamation of the Twentyeth of that Month) been Further Prorogued to the Seventeenth Instant with a View to have that matter Further considered in the Council then Intended the Twenty Fourth of February of which he desired the then Clerk of the Council to put them in Mind; But it Happening then to be forgot, and the said Clerk dying Suddainly on the Twelfth Instant, without ever having Published the Last Proroguation, the Day Slipt over before it was observed. Whereupon the President desiring the opinion of this Board, The Consideration thereof is Referred to a Council to be held near the End of the Court to advise what can be done therein.

At a Council Held at the Capitol April 29th 1741.

Present the Honourable James Blair President

Cole Digges	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe, and
John Custis	Thomas Lee Esqrs.

Edmund Porteus his Petition praying a Licence to Practice as an attorney in the County Courts is granted on Condition the Petitioner is found duly Qualified, the Examination whereof is referred to Edward Barradall Esqr. Kings attorney.

Present
William Byrd and John Grymes Esqrs

On Considering the Petition of Jos. Harrison Comander of the Ship Murdock, in behalf of the Late owners of the said Ship, Setting Forth the great Misfortune had befallen them in the said Ships being Cast on Shoar by the Violence of the Ice, before She had taken in her Loading, and praying Remission of the Tonnage of the said Ship, which the Naval officer of the District insisted on, It is ordered That the Said Tonnage be accordingly remitted, and that the Naval Officer do not insist on the Payment thereof.

On the Petition of the Nottoway's It is ordered that Henry Morris be sent to the Cherokees to Demand the two Nottoways by them carried away Last Fall From Roanoke, and also to Demand Justice on the Murtherers for the Murther of the three Nottoway's by them kill'd at the Same time and Place.

Ordered that it be an Instruction to the said Henry Morris to make Enquiry among the Catawbas after two Delaware Indians the Sons of Captain Hill, by them taken Prisoners at Hohio about Six Years ago, as the Governor of Pensylvania by his Letter to the President, now read, does Sett forth and desire.

James Willeroy being recommended by the Court is appointed an Inspector of Tobacco at Williams's Warehouse in King William County during the Incapacity of James Macon Gent.

Ordered that a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Goochland with the addition of Sundry New Members Recommended by the Court.[28]

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[28]The corresponding entry in the *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43*, p. [33], completes this sentence as follows: "but in the Order here regulated. See at the End of the Book." However, the additional matter is not found in this book.

Ordered That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Northumberland with the addition of Cuthbert Spann, John Foushee and George Ball Junr. Gentlemen they being recommended by the Court For Justices.

Ordered That a New Commission of the Peace do Issue for the County of Prince William, and that William Fairfax Esqr be First in that Commission; and that an Error in a Name in the Former Commission be now amended by incerting Daniel Tebbs, instead of Tilby.

Present Mr Secretary

On Consideration of the Petition of Mr John Coles Merchant Setting Forth that he had purchased a Large Quantity of Wheat to the Value of £1500 Sterling with intent to Ship the Same on Board the Joanna and the Murdock to Great Britain; That the Joanna was Lost in the Bristol Channel Coming out, and the Murdock by the Ice here in James River rendered unfit to proceed on her Intended Voyage: That he cannot on any Terms procure Freight for the Same to Britain, But that he has the offer of a Vessel to Lisbon, and that Unless he be permitted to Send the Same thither he is in danger of Utterly Loseing the said Wheat as it is a Decaying Commodity and will Soon become of no Value. That he is informed this Honourable Board have Laid or intend to Lay an Embargo on all Ships carrying Provisions out of this Colony until Security be given that the Same Shall be carried to Great Britain or some of the British Plantations in America. That he Humbly Conceives the Design and Intent of Such an Embargo must be to prevent the Spanish Fleets and Settlements in the West Indies From being Supplied with Provisions during the Present War; and that the Carrying of Wheat to Lisbon can not be any prejudice to his Majesty's Service, But that the Petitioner must be a great Sufferer unless permitted to Send it thither; and praying that his Case may be Excepted, and that he may be permitted to Send the Said Wheat to Lisbon he being ready to give Security for the Landing it there or in Some part of Great Britain.

A Debate arose hereupon

And the Question being put, it was carried, that in the Present Circumstances all proper precaution was necessary to Prevent Supplies Coming to the Enemies and that the Private Interest of the Inhabitants here must give way to the Public Good, and that there was reason From Private advises to believe there is now an act of

Parliament disallowing Such Exportation, and therefore that the Petition cannot be granted.

Ordered that it be rejected.

A Letter From Admiral Vernon being now read at the Board advising the arrival of three Large Squadrons of French and Spanish Men of War in the West Indies, who he thinks, rely on being Supplied with Provisions From these parts, either immediately From the French Ports before we may come to a Rupture with them, or From Statia and Curascoa afterwards; and the Admiral recommending it as most material for his Majesty's Service, that no one be permitted at this Critical Juncture to Clear out without giving Sufficient Security not to Land his Provisions at any French or Dutch Settlements or any other but his Majesty's Colonies; where all they can raise will probly be wanted for the Subsistance of his Majestyes Troops, on receipt of which the President had Immediately Issued his Commands to the Several Naval Officers to act Conformably till a Council could be had, and they Should receive his Further orders thereupon.

On Consideration whereof it is now ordered that no Naval Officer in this Colony do clear, and they are hereby in his Majesties Name charged and required not to clear any Ship or Vessel trading in Provisions without First taking Bond and Sufficient Security (Having regard to the Value of the Cargo) not to Land the Same at any French or Dutch Settlements, or any other but his Majesties Colonies, and to return proper Certificates For the port, in the Usual time allowed, of their having So Landed them.

Ordered That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Hanover, and that Several New Members Recommended by the Court be added thereto.

The account of Contingent Charges, as also the account of Work done at the Governors House, were now Settled and allowed.

A Recommendation from the Court of Orange for the Remission of Some Fines by them imposed is Rejected, no Reason being by them assigned for Such Remission.

The Petition of Penelope Floyd for the Remission of a Fine Laid by the Court of Charles City is rejected.

The Consideration of the Petition of the Vestry of Saint Marks in Orange County praying the Direction of the Council with regard to the Poor of the new Intended Parish of St. Thomas, already

Seperated From St. Mark's but not Yet erected into a Parish of themselves, is postponed till after the Oyer and Terminer Court.

as also the Petition of the Inhabitants of the New Intended Parish of St. Thomas praying to be Ereceted [*sic*] into a Distinct County From Orange by the Name of the County of Frederick as by Law directed they conceiving themselves to have now a Sufficient Number of Inhabitants for that Purpose, who are greatly distressed by reason of their distance From Orange Court is postponed to the Same time.

The Petition of Alexander Ross, and John Littler praying an order for 1000. acres in the Intended County of Frederick to Entitle them to the preemption thereof when the Land Office there is open'd) If it Shall be Found to be Kings Land and not within the Grant to my Lord Fairfax, and alledging Several Reasons for the Said order; the Consideration thereof is likewise Postponed to the Same time.

The President Communicated to this Board a Letter From Governor Clarke acknowledging the receipt of a Bill of Exchange for £100. Sterling Drawn by John Grymes Esqr in favour of Philip Livingston Esqr for his account of Presents to the Indians.

Also a Letter From Governor Ogle acknowledging the favour of the Presidents Notice to him of our Embargo and of the Stay Capt Lloyd had agreed to make.

Also a Letter From Sir Yelverton Peyton with his Handsom Excuse for not going to Piscataway to Convoy hither the two mastships as desired by this Board the 25th of February Last.

Also a Letter From President Bull giving an account of the Dreadfull fire which happened Lately at Charles Town.

Also a Letter From Peter Leheup Esqr giving his reasons for not presenting the addresses for the Liberty of a Free Importation of Salt hither, at Present, and another praying a Consideration of his Services in relation to the Northern Neck affair; which is made up to him in full of the Governors Promise, In the Present account of Contingent Charges.

At a Council Held at the Capitol May 5th 1741.

Present

The Honourable James Blair President

William Byrd	John Grymes
Cole Digges	John Custis
John Robinson	William Randolph
John Carter	John Tayloe, and

Thomas Lee Esqrs

The Following Petitions for Land were granted. Vizt.[29]

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[29]In *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [36]-[37], the grants in the corresponding table are numbered consecutively from 1 to 38, number 26 including two grants in Prince George County to William Thompson. Number 10, "Jefferson & others," 15,000 acres in Brunswick, has the following names after a brace in the right margin: Petr Jefferson, Charles Lynch, and Ambrose Joshua Smith. A note in the left margin states "For the Bounds of any one of these Grants See page 2 & 3 from the End, at the Number here prefixed"; however, p. 2 is wanting, p. 3 being as follows:

22. William Stone to add 800. to 400 & 300. he bot of Hezekiah Powell, in Amelia & to have inclusive patent for the whole. Begg at Amelia County Line on Nott° Rivr thence along Sd Line to the Birchen Swamp, thence up Sd Swamp to Jno Days upr Corner, thence along Sd Days Line to a Corner on the Branch of Sd Birchen Swp thence to the Line of Robt Poythres, thence along Sd Poythrs Line to Nott° Rivr thence down Sd River to the Begining
23. William Tisdale 800. in Amelia on both Sides Winticomaick Creek Begining at Parishes upper Line
24. Obediah Woodson 1200. in Goochld in the fork of Dry Creek, joining on the Lines of Col Richd Randolph
25. Samuel Willis 1500. in Amelia Beg. at Mo. of Falling Cr. rung up both Sides
26. Wm Thompson to add 400. in Pri. Geo. to 1000. Acrs in his Ordr of 11. Jun. 1740. in one pa[tent]
27. James Pittillo all the Vact Land joining round his own Plantn on No Side Moccosoneck Cr & on both Sides Wt Oak Swp in Pri. Geo. the whole not to exceed 1200. Acrs inclg an Entry of 400. already made thereon & ye Rights in the hands of the Surveyor.
28. Thos Avent 2000. in Surry, Begg at the Mouth of Corks Br. & rung so as to take in the Waste Land on both Sides the grt Swamp & betwn the Lines of Gilbert Hays, Lewis Solomon junr Jno Roberts & the Petrs own Lines & to have Incl. patt for the same & for 1675. Acrs alry grtd him, wch at the time of the Grt lay in Surry and now chiefly there, but some part in Brunswick. And that the Survr of Surry ret. a Survy of ye Whole.
29. John Ellis 1200. in Amelia on bo. Sids Flatt Cr. beg. at Motleys upper Line.

	Acres	
John Jones	1500	In Amelia
John Nash	2000	In Amelia
Jones, Watson & Cobbs	3000	In Amelia
Watson and Cobbs	2000	In Amelia
Col° John Allen	350	In Isle of Wight
John Bolling	1000	In Goochland
Twitty and Watson	5000	In Brunswick
John Sears	2000	In Augusta

30. Darby Quinn hav^g in behalf of his Son Richd Quinn obt^d a Pat^t Sepr 28th 1728. for 800. Acr^s in Orange on N° Side Rappidan, wch on a Resurvey is found but 420. accord^g to the Lines markt on the Land, wch do not agree wth the Pat^t that he had all along p^d Q^t rents for 800. & prayed that as the adjacent land was not yet grant^d to any body (but only that Wm Phillips had an Entry there) he might survey as much as will compleat his 800. & take out a New Pat. for the whole accord^g to the true Bounds. And having now produced a Writing under the hand of Said Wm Phillips importing that as he finds Mr Quin has not his complim^t not withstand^g he the S^d Phillips had a Survey adj^g he will not appear against him; Whereupon the S^d Quins Pet^n is granted
31. William Gay has leave to take an Incl. pat^t for 125. Acr^s grant^d him by Pat^t Decr 23. 1714. and 350. Acr^s adj^g adjudg^d on his pet^n to be lapsed from Jn° Bolling the 22^d Octr 1740
32. John Clark 3000. in Brun. beg. at the 3 forks of Cubb Creek above Butter wood Swamp So run^g tow^ds the head the Bellows & Vaughans Creek.
33. John Coles 5000. in Brun. S° Side Stanton Riv^r beg. on his own low^r line & run^g up & down the River & back into the Woods for Complim^t
34. Thos Bassett 3000. in Gooch^ld betw. Appom^x & Gr^t Guine Cr. adj. his own lines &c. as in Entry
35. David Walker & Jn° Bolling 1500. Acr^s in Pri. Geo. N° S. Sapy Cr. beg. on Low^r S. Meal br. &[c]
36. Chas Hudson & Robt Wathen 6000. in Brun on br. fall^g R^r beg. on S°. S. Pilote M^n &c.
37. Thos Oakly all the Wast land betw. Gillies Cr. & Boar Sw^p *ab^t 1600. Acr^s* & on both Sides Said Creek beg. on Alex^r Robinson—then on Jn° Robinson & to Pleasant Cooks lines so to Boar Swamp
38. Thos Stanton, Robt Lovell & Jn° Watts have leave to Survey 6000. Acres in Orange, Beg. on Stanton Riv^r below part of the Yew Trees, thence a S. W^t course to the Bra^s of Sherando, thence tow^ds the head of the Hawks Bill, thence tow^ds the head of Robertson River, thence to the begin^g wch is granted on condition the Land is not within the controverted Bounds.

Certain surnames are spelled differently from those in the journal; and number 36 has Wathen, instead of Walker, in both the list and description of the land grant which is shown in the journal in the name of "Hudson, and Walker."

	Acres	
John Sears	4000	In Augusta
Jeffersons and others	15000	In Brunswick
Charles Irby	4000	In Brunswick
Perry and Blackman	3000	In Brunswick
Edward Clarke	2000	In Brunswick
Arthur Hopkins	3350	In Goochland
Thomas Watkins Junr	1000	In Amelia
Samuel Pinsham	600	In Amelia
Clough, Raglin, & Pettis	12000	In Brunswick
Isaac Morris	1300	In Amelia
Hudson, and Moseley	6000	In Brunswick
Hudson, and Moseley	6000	In Brunswick
James Wood	3000	In Augusta
William Stone	1500	In Amelia
William Tisdale	800	In Amelia
Obediah Woodson	1200	In Goochland
Samuel Willis	1500	In Amelia
William Thompson	400	In Prince George
William Thompson	1000	In Prince George
James Pittilo	1200	In Prince George
Thomas Avent	2000	In Surry
John Ellis	1200	In Amelia
Darby Quin	800	In Orange
William Gay	475	In Goochland
John Clarke	3000	In Brunswick
John Coles	5000	In Brunswick
Thomas Basset	3000	In Goochland
Walker, and Bolling	1500	In Prince George
Hudson, and Walker	6000	In Brunswick
Thomas Oakley	1600	In Henrico
Stanton, Lovell, and Watts	6000	In Orange

Jacob Stover's Petition for 3000 acres in Orange on South Branch of Sherrando beginning 1½ Mile below the Naked Creek on both Sides the River is Referred to another Day on a Report of the Death of the Petitioner.

Alexander Stinson his Petition for 12000. acres in Goochland is rejected as the Petitioner is not known to any of the Board and therefore thought too much for so obscure a Person.

Andrew Leprades Petition was read praying a Grant of 800 acres in Henrico as Lapsed From John Lavellin after Patent obtained; and of 400. acres in the said County which the Petitioner obtained an order of the General Court the 2d of November 1732 For the Quiet possession of, till after the Expiration of a Twelve month after the then Defendant Rachel Countess Infant Shall attain her full age of Twenty One Years, It appearing to the Court that the Petitioner then Complainant had bought the Same of Lewis Countess Father of the Said Rachel in his life time but was not Legally Conveyed. On consideration whereof it is ordered that the Said Petition be Suspended till the Said Rachel come of age, and till the Petitioner make it appear that he obtained an order of the General Court for the aforesaid 800 acres as Lapsed From the Said Lavellin.

The Petition of Peter Jefferson and others[30] for 40.000. acres in Goochland on Black Water Creek is rejected as being Judged too Great a Grant to what is already Granted the Petitioner.

The Consideration of the General Assembly, as it Stands Referred From the Twenty third Day of April Last, being now again resumed, it is considered that as it has continued a Reasonable and Usual time, Having had Four Sessions, and as there may be Difficulty's in continuing it, It is proper to give the Country a New Election before another Session But that there is no present occasion for an Assembly in View.[31]

The Following Warrants on his Majesty's Receiver General were Signed by the President. Vizt

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[30]The corresponding entry in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [37], has a marginal note: "Petr Jefferson, Arthur Hopkins, Francis Jones & Wm Megginson."

[31]The corresponding entry in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [38], had stated the matter differently: "It is ye Opinion of this Board that the Same is dissolved for want of being Duly prorogued." However, the words after "It is" were struck out and the sense of the statement in the journal substituted.

On the Revenue of two Shillings per Hogshead &c.

A Warrant for half a Year's Sallary Ending the Twenty Fifth of April Last, To the President for the Use of my Lord Albemarle, and himself.....	£1000..	..	
For half a Year's Sallary to the Council.....	300..	..	
To the Judges and officers of the Court of Oyer and Terminer	100..	..	
For half a Year's Sallary to the Auditor of the Plantations	50..	..	
For half a Year's Sallary to the Sollicitor of the Virginia Affairs	50..	..	
For half a Year's Sallary to the Attorney General.....	35..	..	
For half a Years Sallary to the Clerk of the Council....	50..	..	
To William Prentise for so much paid the ministers attending one General Court.....	6..	..	
For half a Year's Sallary to the Armourer.....	6..	..	
To William Prentise for so much paid the Gunners of the Batteries for half a Year's Sallary.....	23..	10..	
To William Prentise for so much paid for Repairs of the Governors House	17..	12..	11
To William Prentise for so much paid for Contingent Charges	243..	17..	5
For half a Year's Sallary to the Adjutant.....	75..	..	

And on the Revenue of Quit Rents Vizt

To Mr Commissary for half a Years Sallary.....	50..	..	
To the Attorney General for half a Years Sallary.....	35..	..	

Ordered That Rights Issue for Five Hundred Pounds Value.

At the Instance of Thomas Harris Inspector, Robert Good being recommended by the Court of Henrico is appointed Inspector at Warwick in the said County during the Inability of the said Harris.

The President desiring to know in what manner he Should Comply with the desire of the Lords of Trade in relation to the Sending them Copies of all our Laws now in Force, It is the opinion of this Board that as all our Laws have been Lately carefully collected and printed here, and the Work Examined and Corrected by the Clerk of the House of Burgesses, that a printed Copy thereof will fully answer the Intention of their Lordships after they Shall

be marked with a pen which of them have had the Royal assent; which the Kings attorney is hereby desired to do.

The President Communicated to the Board a Letter he Lately received From Mr Lynch; which was read, being in the following Words. Vizt. May the 2^d^ 1741. Sir Understanding that Lately a Council has been held concerning Mr Gooch's and my affair, that they were divided about it, and that it is Likely many disputes may arise Between us, Unless otherwise avoided; for preventing of which, I am willing to agree (as there have been Several Representations made of it) that it may rest until his Majestyes further pleasure be Signified about it, which I am of opinion will be Shortly done; and I rely on the Entry in the Council Journal (To which Mr Gooch assents) that the profitts of the place are Sequestered From that Day to go to the Person in whose Favour his Majesty Shall determine; Hoping that in Case it be in my favour, and it Should happen I Should not live to receive it, my present concession to lett all rest till his Majesty's further pleasure be known; may be no prejudice to my Executors, but that they may receive the profits of the Place to the time of my Death: as this I think is Just and Reasonable and fairly Deducible from the Sequestration agreed on. I hope Your Honour in Concurrence with the Gentlemen of the Council will in that Case have all due regard to my Family: In Confidence of which I rest the matter and Shall with Pleasure wait his Majesties Determination. I am

Superscribed
For the Honourable
James Blair Esqr

These [*sic*]

Your Honours
Most Obedient Hum. Servant
Head Lynch

At a Council Held at the Capitol June the 9th 1741.

Present
The Honourable James Blair President

William Byrd
Cole Digges
John Robinson
John Carter
John Grymes
John Custis
William Randolph
John Tayloe
Philip Lightfoot &
Thomas Lee Esq^rs^

On reading a Petition From Sundry Merchants and Inhabitants of the Borrough of Norfolk, Hampton, and adjacent Places praying relief against the Spanish Privateers, now Committing Depredations near the Capes.

Ordered that they attend this Board to Morrow with an Estimate of the Charge of fitting out a Vessel for three Months, together with their opinion of what Proper Vessel may be had, and how Men can Be provided, and a proper officer to Command her.

On reading a Letter From Sr Yelverton Peyton Baronet Commander of his Majesties Ship the Hector of the third Instant Lamenting the Depredations Lately Committed and the Impending Danger to our Trade at this Critical Juncture (The Hector being then Unfitt to go to Sea till he had repaired the Damage by thunder She had Lately Sustained) and advising as absolutely necessary that a Sloop be fitted out to Cruse on the Coast, and offering to Supply her with Forty able Hands and a Proper officer if Such Vessel can be got ready in two or three Day's, and Provided She may return in ten or Twelve Day's at Farthest, at which time he Should want them himself to go to Sea.

It is the opinion of this Board that the President Write a Letter to Sr Yelverton to Excuse the taking any Men from his Majestyes Ship which might have ill Consequences in other respects, and would Straiten the Design in Point of time.

The Council being informed that Robert Dinwiddie Esqr Surveyor General of the Customs in the Southern District of America attended below to be Sworn of the Council here, Sent their Clerk to him to desire him to Come in and produce his Letter and be Sworn accordingly. and the Said Dinwiddie Comming in Produced only his Commission to be Surveyor General aforesaid, and being askt if he had a Letter directing his being admitted of the Council he answered he had given the Governor a Letter when he First produced his Commission to him, and was Sworn thereto, not in Council but before the Governor. But that by an Instruction to the Governor he was by Virtue of his office to be admitted of the Council. This Board being Unacquainted with the Said Letter and desiring to See the Said Instruction took time to Consider thereof, and the Said Dinwiddie withdrew.

Then the Council directed their Clerk to wait upon Mr Gooch and desire that he would Search among his Fathers Papers for the Said Letter and for the Instruction and to have them ready against to Morrow.

The President Laid before the Board a Letter he had Received the Twenty first Ult. From Governor Johnston which was read Dated the Fourth Day of May Last. Inclosing an affidavit of Captain Miles Gale of Edenton Mariner giving an account of the taking of Two Sloops a Little without the Bar of Ocacock the Twenty Seventh of April last, by two Spanish Privateer Sloops which are daily to be Seen off the Bar. The Governor informing that all their Vessels that go out over that Bar are Loaded with Provisions and Naval Stores, and hoping that, as they have no Ship of his Majesty's to defend them, nor any Vessel of Force in the Province, the necessary orders will be given from hence to the Captains of the Men of War on this Station.

The President Communicated likewise a Letter which he received the Seventh Instant From the Governor of Pensylvania which was read Dated the Twenty Second of May Last inclosing the Depositions of Four Mariners Late of the Ship Brunsdel of Whitehaven John Simpson Master taken the Ninth of May Last by a Spanish Privateer about Six Leages from Cape Charles Mann'd with 130. Men, who had with them a Prize Sloop taken the Day before, that on the Eleventh She took the America of Glasgow Robert Ritchie, and a Sloop From Virginia Laden with Pork and Corn Johnson Master. and on the thirteenth She took a Sloop From North Carolina with Pitch and Tar which She gave to the Prisoners among whom the Deponents who learnt that three more Privateers came out with him to Cruse on this Coast. The Governor represents the Danger the Provisions for the fleet and army in the West Indies Contracted for in that place will be in of falling into the Enemies Hands Unless the Ships upon this Station Shall Extend their Cruse to the Capes of Delaware, as Captain Warren is with Admiral Vernon, and Captain Peirce under Orders to Convoy Some Mast Ships to England.

At a Council Held at the Capitol June the 10th 1741.

Present

The Honourable James Blair President.

William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digees [*sic*]	William Randolph
John Carter	John Tayloe and
John Grymes	Thomas Lee Esqrs

The Following Sheriffs were appointed Vizt.[32]

For Henrico.....Richard Royal
King William.....Francis West
Surry.....John Cargill
Orange.....Richard Winslow
Princess Anne.....Nathaniel Newton
Prince William.....John Diskin
Westmorland.....Thomas Chilton
Northumberland.....Robert Jones
Goochland.....George Carrington
Amelia.....Thomas Tabb
Prince George.....Isham Eppes
Charles City.....Francis Dancy
James City.....Richard Taliaferro
Warwick.....Henry Wythe
Gloucester.....Matthew Whiting
Stafford.....Richard Bernard
Spotsylvania.....John Taliaferro
Northampton.....Thomas Marshall

Present
John Robinson and Philip Lightfoot Esq^{rs}

Ordered that the Clerk of Goochland return to this Board a List of all the Justices appointed that do not accept of the office at the next Court after notice given them; and that the Sheriff give them all Notice of this Order.

The Same Order with the above is ordered for Hanover.

Ordered that John Henry, James Skelton, John Bickerton, William Winston Junr and Charles Barret be added to the Quorum, and Sylvanus Morris be added to the Commission of the Peace for Hanover.

Ordered that Charles Barret and John Snelson be appointed Coroners for the County of Hanover.

Ordered that a New Commission of the Peace Issue for King George County, and that James Macon, John Moore Richard Bryan, Adam Reid and James Strother be added thereto.

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[32]The corresponding table in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [41], includes also Caroline preceded by a marginal note at the left: "If Mr Taliaferro who has held it but one year decline"; and followed by: "then Lawrence Battail is appointed."

Aron Quarles is appointed Inspector at Quarls's Warehouse in King William in the room of Richard Gregory who resigns.

The Council being informed by their Clerk that he had according to their order waited upon Mr Gooch and acquainted him with their Honours desire to See the Letter Mentioned by Mr Dinwiddie as by him given to the Governor when he produced his Commission to him to be Surveyor General, and also the Instruction relating to the admitting Such officers of the Council; But that upon a Diligent Search neither the Said Letter nor Instruction could be found. It is the opinion of this Board, That if Mr Dinwiddie can produce any Letter or Instruction for admitting him of the Council, The President may Swear him in; but as neither his Letter nor the Instruction can as Yet be found, they cannot advise it at this time.

On Considering at this Board the Letters from the Governors of Pensylvania and North Carolina with the accounts of Sundry Ships and Vessels Lately taken by Spanish Privateers on this Coast; and a Petition of Sundry Merchants now attending and Inhabitants of the Borough of Norfolk, Hampton, and adjacent Places Setting Forth that their Trade and Navigation is very much retarded and in Danger of being intirely Stoped by the Depredations and Daily Captures Made by the Spanish Privateers all along the Coast, and Some of them in or near the Mouth of our Bay, and Considering the Sad Consequences of having So many Ships and Vessels fall into the Hands of the Enemy Several of them being Loaden with Provisions and Naval Stores. and for preventing as much as in us lies any future Depredations From them and to Secure the Maritime parts of this Colony From their Insults. It is the opinion of this Board and accordingly ordered that Two Sloops be taken up or impressed For his Majesty's Service, and the Defence of this Colony and the Trade thereof as Private Sloops of War to annoy the Enemy as occasion Shall offer; and that they be kept in the Said Service for three Months and no Longer.

That Alexander McKenzie [*sic*], John Hutchings, and Robert Tucker Gentlemen be appointed Commissioners for the fitting out the said Vessels and Conducting the affair according to the Instructions they Shall from Time to time receive from the President.

That the said Commissioners have Power to Impress the said Sloops, and have them Valued by Such Persons as they Shall appoint.

That the Commissioners have Said Sloops compleatly Fitted out for the Purpose of Cruising in a Warlike manner on the Coast.

That they be furnished with Powder, Bulletts and Small arms out of the Magazine; and that they be impowered to Borrow or Hire Great Guns or any other necessarys (as they see occasion) to be valued by Such Persons as they Shall appoint and to have Iron Shott made, if not to be had more readily.

That the said Sloops be manned with not Less than Sixty Men Each, nor more than Seventy including officers.

That a Proclamation Issue to invite Sailors into the Service on the Encouragement in the Late act of Parliament and his Majesties Proclamation issued thereupon, and on the further Encouragement of Forty Shillings per Month pay From the time of their Enlisting.

That the Commissioners be impowered if need be, to impress Men by themselves or those Commissioned by them.

That the Commissioners do recomme[n]d Proper officers To the President, who is desired to give Commissions as to Private Ships of War according to the Late act of Parliament and his Majesties Proclamation thereupon.

That one of the Captains be Commodore and have the Direction of the other when at Sea.

That the Commissioners be impowered to give orders and Directions to the Captains of the said Sloops; and that the said Captains do observe all Such orders and Instructions as they Shall from time to time receive From them.

That the Hire of the said Sloops be not Exceeding Fourteen Shillings Current Money per Tonn per Month. That all Damage they Shall Sustain be made good to the Owners; and that if the said Sloops or either of them be Lost in the Service the owner Shall be paid according to the Valuation before Directed.

That the Commissioners Victual the Sailors in like manner as on Board Merchant Ships or otherwise if Necessary.

That the whole Expense of this affair be paid by John Grymes Esqr his Majesties Receiver General out of his Majesties Revenue of Two Shillings per Hogshead.

That the armourer gett 150. Muskets, 150 pair of Pistolls, and 150. Broad Swords in readiness in a Week, and all the rest with Dispatch afterwards.

That in all Difficulties the Commissioners apply to the President and take his Directions.

That in Case any Prize be taken they be Condemned and Shared according to the Late act of Parliament for the more Effectuall Securing

and Encouraging the Trade of his Majesties British Subjects to America, and for the Encouragement of Seamen to Enter into his Majesties Service; and according To the Directions in his Majesties Proclamation issued thereupon for dividing the same among the officers and Sailors of any of his Majesties Ships of War.

That the Commissioners give Public Notice of the times of the Sailing of the said Sloops, that the Ships then ready may have the benefitt of their Convoy off the Coast.

Ordered that the Receiver General do Send for fifty Barrels of Gunpowder to Furnish the Magazine.

And that the President in the Name of the Council do make application for his Majesties Favour and Bounty to this Country in Sending us a Supply of arms and ammunition for the Defence of this his Majesties Most antient Colony.

The Petition of Mrs Alice Needler Widow was read Setting Forth that at the time the Petitioners Late Husband Benjamin Needler Esqr was appointed Clerk to this Honoble Board. The Books and Papers relating to the proceedings before this Board were in great disorder and Confusion and the Journals and orders for Several Years not Entered up in the Proper Books. And that her Said Late Husband had made Some progress in Entring up the said orders, and making an alphabetical Index for the more ready finding some others. In Pursuance of a Command he received from this Honourable Board to Draw up and transcribe Such orders and Journals as he found had not been done by his Predecessor and praying that Such allowance may be made her as Shall be thought reasonable.

Ordered that the Consideration hereof be referred to Philip Lightfoot Esqr and that the Clerk of the Council do attend him with the Books and Show the Several Services done.[33]

The Petition of John Hutchings Gent. being now read praying that his Contract for Sterling Money for the Hire of Shipping to transport the Forces raised for his Majesties Service last Year to Jamacia [*sic*], which he had fully Performed might be paid him in the Current Money of this Country at the real difference of Twenty Five per Cent. The consideration thereof is referred till the Governor Shall Return.

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[33]The following addition to this order in the *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [44], was struck out: "and that a demand be made upon the Execut^rs^ of Mr Robertson of what shall be paid, for what he ought to have done." William Robertson had preceded Benjamin Needler as clerk of the Council.

On the Caveat Entered by Francis Thornton against Benjamin Berryman the Last Summons not being returned, Ordered that a New Summons Issue.

On the Caveats Entered by Richard Ward against John Mullins and Richard Randolph for 496. acres on appomattax after hearing of the Parties, It is ordered that the said Caveats be discharged and that the said John Mullins have a Patent for the Land.

On the Caveat Entered by John Watson against John Towns for about Eight Hundred acres on little Roanoake in Brunswick, ordered that the Said Caveat be discharged and that the Said Towns have a Patent for the Land.

On the Petition of Robert Armistead Gentleman one of the Executors of Judith Butts Widow Deceased Setting Forth that the said Judith in her last Will and Testament had Enjoyned her Executors to apply to this Honourable Board for Leave to Sett Free a Female Slave Named Lilly aged about Ninteen Years, of which the Said Judith died possessed; The Said Judith having had a great regard for her the Said Lilly, on account of Several very acceptable Services done by her for the Said Judith; and praying that She may be Sett Free accordingly. Ordered that Leave be granted to Manumitt and Sett Free the Said Female Slave Named Lilly according to the Will of the Said Judith Butts Deceased and the Prayer of the Petitioner.

Ordered that a New Commission of the Peace do Issue for the County of Henrico, and that Peter Randolph Benjamin Harrison[34] and John Coles Gentlemen be added thereto; and that John Redford James Powel Cocke, Thomas Branch, and Joseph Tanner Gentlemen be Left out of the Said Commission they having refused to act.

Ordered That a New Commission of the Peace do Issue for the County of Amelia, and that William Clement, Samuel Tarry, William Archer, Hezekiah Ford, William Booker Henry Childs, and Wood Jones be added thereto; and that Richard Jones, Henry Anderson, Robert Tucker Thomas Jones, Francis Anderson, and Richard Clarke who have Refused to Qualify, and John Dawson and James Branch who are dead, be left out of the Said Commission.

John Taylor having got a Survey of Four Hundred acres in Brunswick on both Sides of Cubb Creek Surveyed in November Last, Has leave on his Petition now read to add Eight Hundred acres thereto above and below the Said Survey on both Sides the Said Creek, and to have one Patent for the whole.

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[34]The corresponding entry in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [45], has Benjamin Harris.

The Petition of Wilson Cary Gentleman was this day Read Setting Forth that the Petitioner had Lately had Some Reason to apprehend there might be Some Surplus or Kings Land within the known and reputed Bounds of his Land in Gloucester County which may perhaps amount to about Eight Hundred acres or a Little More. and praying an order From this Honourable Board, That he may have Leave to make an Exact Survey of the whole, and to take out a New Patent agreeably thereto, He being Ready to pay Rights for all the Surplusage that Shall be Found more than is Expressed in his Present Patent. and as this Honourable Board granted a Petition of this Nature to Henry Fitzhugh Esqr for a much Larger Surplusage found within his Bounds, with a Discharge of all arrears of Quit Rents for the said Surplus in Consideration of his having made the discovery himself, The Petitioner Humbly Hopes that for the Same reason he Shall be Favoured with the Same Indulgence, Especially as he will be at the Charge of a New Survey to discover it. On consideration whereof the Council Looking upon it as a Matter of Right, For which the Said Cary need not have Petitioned. Do order that it be according to the Prayer of the Petitioner.

On the Petition of George Walker Gentleman Leave is Granted him to Enter For and Survey 4500 acres in Amelia, adjoining round 1500. acres of his own Land there on Bush River, to Extend to the Lines of Colonel Richard Randolph and Henry Liggon, and to have an Inclusive Patent for the Whole.

The Petition of Robert Bolling Gentleman Surveyor of the County of Prince George praying Leave to have a Deputy or assistant in his Said office, is referred to the President and Masters of the College.

At a Council Held at the Capitol June the 11th 1741.

Present

The Honourable James Blair President

John Robinson	William Randolph
John Carter	John Tayloe
John Grymes	Philip Lightfoot and

Thomas Lee Esq^{rs}

On consideration of the Petition of Mrs Alice Needler Widow referred Yesterday to Philip Lightfoot Esqr and now by him Laid before this Board with the Books containing the Services for which an

allowance is prayed; It is Ordered that the Sum of Twenty Five Pounds Current Money be paid her by the Receiver General in full of her Claim, and that he place the Same to the account of Contingent Charges.

The Minutes of Yesterday relating to the Fitting out the Two Sloops for the Defence of this Country were read and Corrected.

Mr Robert Munford who was Sent Last Fall to acquaint the Catauba and Cheraukee Indians with the Peace concluded by the Governor of New York in their behalf with the Six Nations of the Northern Indians at Albany on the Seventeenth of August Last, and to Desire them to Send their Deputies at the time appointed in the Year 1742 To Albany to meet the Sachims of the Said Six Nations, and there to confirm the Peace aforesaid, Did now appear before this Board to give an account of his Negotiation. And the Said Munford Did thereupon represent that he had Communicated the Presidents Letter with the account of the Said Peace to the Heads of the Several Towns and great Men of the Said Cheraukee and Catauba Nations, and had brought a Belt of Wampum From the Cataubas, and a Pipe of Peace from the Cheraukees in Token of their having accepted of the Said Peace Concluded at Albany on their behalf which Said Belt and Pipe he Delivered in at the Table; Together with an Answer or Writing of Excuse Dated at Howassy March the 25th 1741. From the Cheraukees Shewing why they Could not Send to Albany till a Reparation for a Mischief Lately done by Some of the Cheraukees to the Northern Indians be First Settled and adjusted; Least while the Said Northern Indians are in that hight of Passion as is reasonable to beleive they must be, The Innocent (Should the Cheraukees Send their Deputies in that time) might Suffer instead of the guilty. and therefore they desire that one or two of the Persons injured may Come to their Nation and Demand a Satisfaction which is no more than Just, and they will readily Comply with it and then in order [for] a future Security and Lasting Confirmation of the Peace aforesaid they will Send Eight or Ten of their Head Men to Albany to meet his Honour the Governor of New York and perform what he has promised on their Parts.[35]

The said Munford likewise reported that while he was among the Cheraukees a Party of the Northern Indians had fallen upon Some of the Cheraukees and killed or taken and Carried away about Sixty of

[35]A note follows the corresponding statement in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [48]: "see a Copy of this paper at the End. page 4"; and on pages 4 and 5 (the pages are in reverse order) near the end there is "A Copy of a Writing from the Cheraukees, rec^d^ Jun. 11. 1741," dated "Howassy, March ye 25th 1741," which gives the substance of the above statement in the journal.

them; and that the Cheraukes had thereupon Entertained a Suspicion of him as if he had brought those Indians upon them, and while he was amusing them with Peace was only contriving the more Easily to destroy them; and that he was in danger of being killed by them; but that in the mean time an Express From Carolina came thither who brought them The Same account of the Peace concluded at Albany which Mr Munford had but Just before brought them From hence; which Convinced them of his Innocence. and it is Said that That party of the Northern Indians which has done this Late Mischief to the Cheraukees, is a party that have been out a Long time and had not Notice of the Peace.

The Said Munford likewise reported that having heard while he was out of the Murther Committed Last fall by Some of the Cheraukees upon three of the Nottoway's while they were Hunting together, and that they had also taken and Carried away two more of those Nottoways, He reproved them for it as very ill done, Especially Since there was a Peace Lately made Between them, and they were Hunting Friendly together. To which the Great Men of the Cheraukees Said it was indeed very ill done; but that it was done by some base fellows among them, and offered to make any Satisfaction to the Nottoways they could desire, and to return the Prisoners as Soon as they can Safely do it; and Desired the Nottoways would come and receive the Satisfaction and the Prisoners. But Colonel Symmons who was present in behalf of the Nottoways Said that the Nottoways had more reason to Suspect them since they had not sent back the two prisoners by Mr Munford, and were affraid to go to them.

Ordered that a Messenger go [to] the Cheraukees to bring Back the Said Prisoners and to demand Justice upon the Murderers.

Ordered that Mr Munford have Forty Pounds paid him by the Receiver General for his trouble and Charges in this Negotiation; and that no more be paid for Sending for the Prisoners.

Ordered that the Belt of Wampum and Pipe of Peace be Sent to the Governor of New York as Tokens that the Catauba and Cheraukees have accepted of the Peace concluded by him at Albany with the Six Nations on their behalf; and also the Writing of Excuse or answer of the Cheraukees Sent by Mr Munford.

Robert Rose and Charles Lewis appearing at this Board on a Caveat Entered by the said Rose against a Patents Issuing to the Said Lewis for two thousand acres of Land according to a Plott and Survey now produced, made in Pursuance of an order of this

Honourable Board the 11th Day of June 1740. The Said Rose alledging that the Said Lewis had not duely pursued the Said order in making the Said Survey, but had laid it off in a manner very Disadvantagious to the Petitioner. On hearing the Parties by themselves and their attorneys, and considering the allegations on both Sides; The Said Plott and Survey is Confirmed to the Said Lewis as duely made, and a Patent is ordered to Issue accordingly; and the Caveat Entered by the said Rose is Discharged.

On a Caveat Entered by Robert Christian against George Carrington for 1200. acres of Land Lying on the North Side of Fluvanna River in Goochland Surveyed on Several Contiguous Entrys for the said Carrington. It appearing that the said Carrington had neglected to Sue out a patent in due time, Ordered that a Patent Issue to the Petitioner.

The Caveat of James Maxwell et Uxor against Richard Bernard is Continued for Depositions to be taken.

The Caveat Entered by Peter Hudson against John Cargill for 350. acres or thereabouts in Brunswick on the South Side of Stanton River, on a hearing of the Parties is Discharged, and a Patent ordered to Issue to the Said Cargill.

The Caveat of Benjamin Rennolds against Benjamin Berryman is continued the Summons of the Twenty Seventh of April Last not being returned.

On hearing of the Caveat of Tully Choice against Granting a Patent to William Johnston for 1000. acres in orange on Black Walnut Run adjoining to the Land of Captain Spencer, the Said William Johnston having Neglected to Sue out a Patent for the Same in due time. It is ordered that a Patent be granted to the said Tully Choice for the Said 1000. acres of Land.

Absent
John Grymes and Philip Lightfoot Esqrs

On hearing the Caveat Entered by Benjamin Hatcher against the Granting a Patent to Joseph Watson or any other for 350. acres of Land in Brunswick Begining at the Mouth of Falling River on the upper Side thereof, thence Extending up Roanoke River back into the Woods to the Hills and by Several Courses to the Begining. and Stephen Hughes appearing against the Said Caveat It is ordered that Benjamin Hatcher have a Patent for the Said Land he paying Five Pounds to the Said Stephen Hughes.

The Caveat of John Watson against Samuel Hosford is Continued; the Summons not being returned, ordered that a New Summons Issue.

The Caveat of Josias Randle and William Hill against Robert Munford is Continued for Munford to Shew an order of Council which it is alledged by his attorney has been obtained in his Favour relating to this Dispute.

The Petition of John Robinson Esqr Junr being read praying that a Patent may be ordered him for 5059 acres in Spotsylvania Lapsed From him to Benjamin Needler Gent. Deceased for want of Cultivation and for which the Petitioner did afterwards come to an agreement with the Said Needler, but the said Needler having neglected to make an assignment thereof, the Clerk of the Secretary's office refused to make out a Patent To the Petitioner, tho' on a Supposition that the Patent had been made out as the Said Needler had promised and agreed it Should; the Petitioner had paid the Quit Rents for three Years past Ordered that the Consideration hereof be referred for Proof of the alegations.

The Following Petitions for Land were read and Granted Vizt.

On the Petition of Christopher Degraffenriedt Leave is granted him to Enter For and Survey Four Hundred acres in Brunswick Lying Between a Patent of his of 1845 acres, and a Tract of 404. acres for which he obtained a Decree of the General Court in April Last as Lapsed From Richard Ledbetter, and to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

On the Petition of Richard Taliaferro Leave is granted him to take out a Patent for 1263 acres according to Plott and Survey made thereof by Colonel Drury Stith Late Surveyor of Brunswick for Benjamin Simmons Including 922. acres Seperated From the rest by a Pricked Line, and Since Patented in the Name of the Said Simmons and Purchased by the Said Taliaferro together with the said Simmons's Rights to the Remaining 341. acres which is Granted on Condition that the Petitioner pay Rights for the Said 341. acres not Yet Patented.

On the Petition of John Williamson Leave is Granted him to Survey and Patent 1000. acres in Prince George Begining at the Sapponee Road, thence down the Reedy Branch on both Sides for Quantity.

On the Petition of Robert Hook Leave is granted him to Survey and Patent 3000. acres in Augusta, on the South Branch of

Sherrando, above the Line Claimed by Lord Fairfax from the Head of the Southermost Branch of Rappahanock to the Head of the North Branch of Potomack.

On the Petition of Edward Colwell Leave is granted him to take up 2000. acres in Brunswick Begining at the Fork of Couches's Creek and up and down the Said Creek on both Sides for Quantity.

The Petition of James Jolliff being read Setting Forth That the Petitioners Father Thomas Jolliff did in the Year 1718. obtain an Inquisition of Escheat by which two Peices of Land were Found to Escheat From Thomas Gillakin in the County of Norfolk Vizt. one Peice of about 100. acres at the Head of Paradice Creek, and the other of about 82. acres at the Head of Gillakins Creek both in the Said County of Norfolk but before a Patent could be obtained the said Thomas Jolliff died, Leaving the Petitioner very Young. That the Said Thomas the Petitioners Father Sold the said Last Peice of about 82 acres to one John Portlock and gave Bond to make him a Legal Conveyance thereof, but was by Death prevented. That the Said Portlock has been ever Since in Quiet Possession thereof, but now comes upon the Petitioner to fullfill his Fathers Bond and make him a Legall Title, which he is very willing to do. That the Petitioner has pursuant to an order of this Board Dated June 12th 1740. obtained a Patent to himself for 115 acres found to be contained in the First mentioned Peice, and praying that upon his paying the Composition and performing what is Usual in the Like Cases a Patent may Issue to the Said John Portlock for the Said other Peice of about 82 acres at the Head of Gillakins Creek in the County of Norfolk, Ordered that a Patent Issue according to the Prayer of Petition.

On the Petition of Thomas Owen Leave is granted him to take up Five Hundred acres in Henrico Lying on the North Side of James River and the upper part of Henrico.

On the Petition of William Mayo Leave is granted him to take up 1600. acres in Goochland on the Head Branches of Angola and Great Guinea Creeks.

On the Petition of Samuel Ridgeway Leave is granted him to take up 1400 acres in Goochland on the Branches of Willis's Creek, So as to Include 1000. acres already Surveyed for him and Thomas Edwards.

On the Petition of John Phelps Leave is granted him to Include 1600. acres in Goochland already Surveyed for him in Four Contiguous Surveys in one Patent.

On the Petition of Richard Taylor Leave is granted him to Include three Contiguous Surveys Containing 1200. acres in Goochland in one Patent.

On the Petition of Alexander Trent Leave is granted him to Include in one Patent 800 acres Surveyed for him in Goochland with 800 already Patented by Henry Cary and Purchased by the Said Trent they being Contiguous.

On the Petition of Samuel Glover Leave is granted him to take up 1200. acres in Goochland adjoining to Two other Tracts already Patented Containing 1441. acres and two Surveys of 400. Each and to Include the whole in one Patent.

James Littlepage his Petition for 1000. acres in Orange adjoining to old Stovels, John Stephensons and William Williams, on the Branches of Ferrendo is Referred to another time.

Examined by
John Blair Cl Con.[36]

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[36]*Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [52]-[54], includes the following proceedings of a meeting on August 4, 1741, which are omitted in the journals:

At a Council held at the Governours House Augt 4. 1741.

Present

The Honble William Gooch Esqr Lt Govr

The President	John Grymes
Cole Digges	&
John Robinson	John Custis Esq^{rs}

The Accounts of His Majesties Revenue of Quit rents & of 2/ per hhds &c^{a} to the 25th of April last, Examined by the Dep^{y} Aud^{r} were this day produced in Council & Sworn to by the Rec^{r} Genl and accordingly Certified by the Govr in the usual Manner

Mr Dudley Digges having formerly petition'd this Board for a Licence to practise as an Attorney in the County Courts and it appearing now by a Certificate from Edwd Barradall Esqr that he is qualified for that Employ, a Licence is accordingly Order^{d} to the Petitioner

The President did now in Council deliver up to the Govr his Majesties Sign Manual in favour of Head Lynch Esqr together with Sundry Letters directed to the Govr wch came to his hands in the Governors absence; with a Commission from the L^{ds} of the Admiralty to the Govr to grant Letters of Marque; and Instructions from the Lords Justices relating thereto; & Proclamations for the distribution of Prizes; and Instructions from the L^{ds} Justices concerning our Coin &c^{a}

The following Petitions for Land were read & granted Viz^{t}

To Geo. Carington for 2800. Acres on Willis's Creek in Goochl^{d} already Survey^{d} to be included with 2850. Acr^{s} adj^{g} already patent^{d} & to have an Inclusive patent for the whole

To Stephen Collins for 2000. Acres in Amelia begin^{g} at a horsepen below Abra^{m} Martins Line upon Mountain Creek thence up to the head of Nottoway River

To Jno Martin for 630. Acres in Henrico, Join^{g} to his own line & those of Evan Shoemaker, Wm Harlow & Simon Liggon & to have an Inclusive patent for the whole

To Malcom Stewart for 500 Acres in Brunswick beginning on John Gillinee's [?] head Line next to Henshaw Mawbrey's, thence to Moor's Swamp & joining on the Land granted to John Carter by Patent dat^{d} Feb. 22. 1724

To Joseph Motly for 1100. Acres in Amelia on both Sides of Flatt & Little Creeks, joining Mayes's Lines.

To James Littlepage for 1000. Acres in Orange, joining Old Jacob Stovall & John Stephenson & Wm Williams, on the Branches of Jerendoe— If not within the controverted Bounds

To John Robinson Esqr Junr for 5059. Acres in Spotsylvania for wch B. Needler Gent. dec^{d} obtain'd an Order of the Genl Court some Years ago as laspsed from the S^{d} Robinson for want of Cultivation; and for which the S^{d} Robinson did afterwards come to an Agreement wth ye S^{d} Needler on wch the S^{d} Needler undertook that a Patent should issue to the Pet^{r} for ye S^{d} Land; and that on a Supposition that the Said Patent was accordingly made in the Secretarys Office as the S^{d} Needler promised the Pet^{r} had paid the Quit rents thereof for three year past. But the Said Needler having neglected to order such Patent to be made, or to make an Assignm^{t} of the Order of Court to the Petitioner, the Clerk of the Secretarys office refused to make out a Patent in the Petitioners Name — It is therefore Ordered that on Mrs Needlers relinquishing any Claim thereto a Patent issue to the Petitioner

Richd Green setting forth That a Tract of 400. Acres in Brunswick was Survey^{d} in Apr. 1738, for Jno Brown dec^{d} for wch no patent was obtain'd. That the Pet^{r} had an Agreem^{t} with the Said Brown to have half the S^{d} Land, according to certain Bounds agreed between them, for wch the Pet^{r} was to pay half charges wch he had done, all to 90^{lb} Tob^{o} wch he was ready to pay. That by the death of the S^{d} Brown the pet^{r} is like to be defeated. Wherefore to secure himself he humbly prays that a Patent may be granted him for the S^{d} 400. Acres, on his engaging in a proper manner to reconvey the one half thereof according to the S^{d} agreem^{t} to Jno Brown Infant, Son of the deceased; or that he may have his Said agreem^{t} in Such Manner as to this Honble Board Shall seem meet — Order'd That a Patent be granted the Pet^{r} on the Conditions proposed, and that it be referr^{d} to Col Robt Bolling to see them duely perform'd on whose Certificate to the Clerk of the Secretarys Office that it is accordingly done the Patent is to issue

James Pittillo having petitioned for redress; alledging that pending his Caveat against a Patent for 400 Acres to Cornelius Fox, a Patent was issued to the S^{d} Fox for the Land so caveated, and that the next day on arguing the S^{d} Caveat in Council the Pet^{r} obtain'd an Order for the S^{d} Land; but on his offering a Copy of the S^{d} Order of Council with the full number of Rights, they were refused by the Clerk of the Secretarys Office. The Consideration hereof is refer^{d} for Mr Waller Clerk of the S^{d} Office to lay before this Board an Account how the Said Patent came to be issued

The Petition of Ross & Littlers which was postponed the 29th of April last, is now rejected

Virginia

A Copy of the Journal of the *Council* from the fifteenth of October One thousand Seven Hundred and Forty One, to the Twenty Sixth of July One thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Two, Inclusive.[37]

Minutes of Council,
From ye 15th of Octo^br 1741,
to ye 26th of July 1742.

Rec^d Jan^ry ye 13th 1742/3
with Col^o Gooch's Lett^r
dated ye 11th of August 1742.

At a Council Held at the Capitol October the 15th 1741

Present the Governour

Mr Commissary Blair	John Custis
William Byrd	William Randolph
Cole Digges	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot
John Carter	Thomas Lee Esq^rs

The Governour having been pleased to Grant a Commission to Richard Francis Esqr to be Clerk of the Council in the Room of John Blair Esqr and he producing a Certificate from Benjamin Waller Clerk

[37]From a photographic copy of original manuscript journal in the British Public Record Office, C. O. 5:1423, showing 26 unnumbered pages, including a separate title-page marked B. 1 [?] (This figure has been partly covered by a numbered label used by the photographer. "List of the Journals and Acts of the Councils and Assemblies of the Thirteen Original Colonies, and the Floridas, in America, Preserved in the Public Record Office, London," edited by Charles M. Andrews, in *Annual Report of the American Historical Association for the Year 1908,* v. 1, p. 506, shows that this, or a duplicate journal, is marked B 4. In this connection, it should be noted also that Andrews gives fractions in his count of the pagination of various journals and does not apparently include separate title-pages). The text of the journal was apparently written by an assistant to the clerk of the Council. The title is in a different handwriting from that of the two endorsements which follow it and from that of the body of the journal. Title and endorsements correspond respectively as to handwriting to those of the journal covering the period, October 16, 1740-June 11, 1741, which was received by the Board of Trade at the same time (*cf. Journal of the Commissioners for Trade and Plantations from January 1741-2 to December 1749,* London, 1931, p. 59).

of James City County Court of his having taken the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and of having taken the Oath of Abjuration and of having Subscribed the Test was accordingly admitted, and the Oath of his office Administred to him

Robert Dinwiddie Esqr Surveyor General of the Southern District of America being called to the Board took the Usual Oath of one of his Majesty's Council of State, and was admitted to his Place Accordingly as a Councillor Extraordinary, And thereupon insisting that in and by Virtue of his Commission and his Majesty's Instruction to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, he hath a Right and ought to sit as a Member of the Upper House of Assembly, as a Judge of the General Court, and to be named as a Judge in all Commissions of Oyer & Terminer, Upon Debate it is the Opinion of the Majority of the Board, that in regard the Surveyor General for the time being is by the said Instruction, stiled and appointed a Councillor Extraordinary only, the said Robert Dinwiddie hath not therefore a Right to sit as a Member of the Upper House of Assembly or as a Judge in the General Court, or to be named in the Commissions of Oyer and Terminer.

At a Council Held at the Capitol October the 17th 1741

Present the Governor

Mr Commissary Blair	John Custis
William Byrd	William Randolph
Cole Digges	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot
John Carter	Thomas Lee
John Grymes	Robert Dinwiddie, Esq^{rs}

The Governor was pleased to appoint the Persons herein after mentioned to be Sheriffs of the following Counties Viz^{t} for

Westmorland.....Thomas Shilton
King George.....James Strother
Stafford.....Richard Bernard
Caroline.....Lawrence Battaile

The Governor Acquainted the Board that he had ordered an Allowance of Six pence a Day to the Goaler for the Maintenance of the

Spanish Prisoners the same is approved of by the Board, and ordered to be paid out of the Two Shill^s^ per hogshead.

On the Motion of the Officers of his Majesty's Revenue they are Impowered to sign Rights to the Value of five hundred pounds, and the Receiver General is to Issue them as Usual

The Governor desiring the advice of the Council, concerning the most proper time for issuing Writs for calling a New Assembly, on Consideration thereof it is the Opinion of this Board and accordingly ordered that a Proclamation Issue for Dissolving the present Assembly and that the Writs for Electing the Burgesses Issue immediately and bear Date of this Day, and that the time mentioned for the Meeting of the Assembly be the Twenty Eighth of November Next.

Upon Reading a Certificate of an Order of King William County Court recommending Edmond Littlepage, James Power, John Martin, Bernard Moore, Philip Aylett, Nathaniel Claiborne, Philip Buckner, and Robert Campbell to be Justices of the Peace in the room of John Quarles, Cornelius Lyde, Humphrey Brooke, and John Aylett deceased, It is ordered that a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the said County, and that the above named Persons be added; and that one half of the Justices and one More be of the Quorum.

There having been various Reports concerning the ill Conduct of Thomas Goodman Comodore of the Two Sloops of War and Capt of the Sloop Ranger in his retaking the Ship belonging to Plimouth, the said Goodman was called to give an Account of his Behaviour, and upon his own Relation the Board being Satisfied that he acted not only with Negligence but Cowardice in that Affair and that a diligent and Stout Commander would probably without Danger have taken the Spanish Privateer, which took Capt Clack, thought Proper to censure him for Cowardice, and it is ordered that an Entry be made of Such Censure in this Journal, to stand as a lasting mark of Infamy upon the said Goodman.

Alexander M^c^Kensie, John Hutchins and Robert Tucker Gentl the Commissioners appointed for fitting out the Two Sloops of War laid before the Board their Accounts And the Several Vouchers, which are referred to Mr Auditor for Examination, and as to the Stores mentioned in the said Account to be in the Store Houses of the said Hutchins and Tucker, those Gentl are desired to take due care thereof untill further Order, And the Board gave the said Gentl their Thanks for their Care & Trouble in the Management of the said Concern

At a Council Held at the Capitol October the 27th 1741.

Present the Governor

Mr Commissary Blair	John Custis
William Byrd	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot
John Grymes	Thomas Lee Esqrs

The Governor was pleased to appoint the Persons herein after mentioned to be Sheriffs of the following Counties Vizt for

Goochland..... Francis Turpin
Surrey..... Robert Wynne[38]

Upon the Complaint of William Burton against John Marshall & George Kendall Inspectors of Hungars & Cherrystones Warehouses in Northampton County, for a Breach of their Duty in Antedating their Notes and not taring the Hggds, notwithstanding it was alledged in Excuse, that it never was the Custom upon the Eastern Shore to tare the Hggds Yet it is the Opinion of the Board and ordered accordingly that the said Inspectors be removed from their office.

Upon Reading the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Parish of St George in the County of Spotsylvania, complaining that the Church wardens of the said Parish have lately Ordered the Chappel therein mentioned to be repaired, which will not hold above half the Congregation, and that the Vestry refuse to build a Church or larger Chappel in that Part of the Parish in wherein [*sic*] the Petrs live Sufficient to hold the Congregation. It is ordered that the Church wardens of the said Parish upon due Notice of this Order do attend this Board on the Day next after the Next Court of Oyer and Terminer to answer the said Petition & Complaint

Upon Reading an Order of the Vestry of Nottoway Parish concerning the Removal of the Reverend Mr James Pedin from being Minister of the said Parish, it is Ordered that the Church wardens of the said Parish upon due Notice of this Order do attend this Board on the Day after the Next Court of Oyer and Terminer to Answer the Complaint of the said Pedin, and in the mean time that they Admit

[38]The corresponding entries in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [56], give the names of these sheriffs as Thomas Turpin and Robert Winne.

the said Pedin into the Church, and to all Exercises of his Function till the Matter is heard

An Account of the Contingent Charges from the 25th of Aprill 1721 [*i. e.* 1741] to the 25th of October 1741 and also an Account of Work and Repairs done about the Governors House, were severally examined and allowed

Ordered that an Allowance of Two & a half per Cent. be made to William Prentice as Paymaster of the Sloops of War.

At a Council Held at the Capitol November the 3d 1741

Present the Governor

Mr Commissary Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Carter	Philip Lightfoot
	Thomas Lee Esqrs

Ordered that a new Commission of the Peace Issue for Orange County and that John McDowell and Richard Wood be left out and James Patten and John Buckanan be added

Upon reading the Several Petitions of James Patton and John Lewis, the Consideration thereof is referred to next Aprill General Court, at which time the Petrs may make proof of their Labour and Expences in seating the Lands in the said Petitions mentioned

Upon the Petition of Humphrey Bell of London Merchant setting forth that in describing the Bounds of a Tract of Land lying in Spotsylvania County, granted to the Honourable John Robinson Esqr and by him conveyed to the Petr there is omitted a Course of South 45 degrees East 232 poles, and that there are within the Bounds of the Patent Nine hundred and Seventy one Acres of Surplus Land, it is ordered, according to the Prayer of the said Petition, that the Petr have a New Grant of the said Land including the Surplus land according to the Bounds in a Plan made by the Surveyor of the said County to the said Petition annexed

Henry Morris brought in a Present from the Cherokees to the Northward Indians which is to be sent to them

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of 2s/ per Hggd Port Duties, and Head Money were this Day signed by the Governor

	£	S	D
For half a Years Sallary to the Governor	1000	—	—
For half a Years Sallary to the Council	300	—	—
To the Judges and Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer	100	—	—
For half a Years Sallary to the Auditor of the Plantations	50	—	—
For half a Years Sallary to the Solicitor of the Virg[a] Affairs	50	—	—
For half a Years Salary to the Attorney General	35	—	—
For half a Years Salary to the Clerk of the Council	50	—	—
To the Ministers attending one General Court	6	—	—
For half a Years Salary to the Armourer	6	—	—
For half a Years Salary to the Gunners of the Batteries	23	10	—
For Repairs done to the Governors House	79	5	5
For Contingent Charges	161	10	—
For half a Years Salary to the Adjutant	75	—	—
For the Charge of the two private Sloops of War fitted out for the Defence of the Trade of this Colony by Order of the Government	1697	18	0[39]

And out of the Quit Rents

To M[r] Commissary for half a Years Salary	50	0	—
To the Attorney [General] for half a Years Salary	35	0	—

The Account of his Majesty's Revenue of 2[s]/per Hggd port Duties, and Head Money from the 25th of Aprill 1741 to the 25th of October 1741 was presented by the Receiver General who made oath to the said Account, and the same being examined by the Deputy Auditor were certified by the Governor as Usual.

John Grymes Esq[r] Receiver General of his Majesty's Revenues presented to the Board a Petition (to which was annexed a Petition to the Right Honourable the Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury,

[39]The corresponding table in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [57], has the following additional entries:

Allowance to y[e] Receiver Gen[l] of ½ p Cent on 2247.15.1 for Negotiating y[e] same in bills of Exchange in London	11.4.9
Allowance to y[e] Auditor @ 5 p Cent on 4171.18.6	208.11.11
Allowance to y[e] Receiver Gen[l] on y[e] same Sum	208.11.11

and two Cases relating to two losses sustained by the said Receiver General by the Insolvency of Benjamin Anderson and John Falconer) praying leave to allow him to lay before the Board his Vouchers relating to the said losses, and that they would be pleased to Certify the Truth of such Facts as are within their own knowledge or could be made appear by proper Vouchers; which Petition the Board taking into their Consideration, It is ordered, to be Certified to the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, That, with regard to the Case of the loss sustained by Benjamin Anderson, the Allegations concerning the said Andersons importing a large Cargo of European Goods, and thereby gaining Credit with many Merchants, and others in the Country and shipping himself a very considerable Number of Hggds of Tobacco on Board the Gooch, and the said Ship's being never heard of, are true to the Particular Knowledge of the Majority of this Board, and that the Receiver general produced the Bond mentioned in the Account to the said Case Annexed, executed by Benj^{a} & Nathaniel Anderson in the Penalty of 400 pounds Sterl conditioned for the payment of 200 pounds Sterling in good Bills of Exchange for London on or before the Sixth day of May 1731 and the Bills of Exchange also mentioned in the said Account with the Protests thereon, and that the said Receiver General also made Oath, that the Monies advanced by him on the said Bond & Bills of Exchange were Monies received by him for his Majesty's Quit Rents, and after his utmost Indeavours he hath Received no Part thereof, or any Satisfaction for the same, other than what is Mentioned by way of Credit in the said Account nor ever expects to Receive any more, so that the loss by him Sustained amounts to the Sum of £212.6.5 Sterl. And with regard to the Case of the loss sustained by John Falconer, It is ordered to be certified, that it was Generally thought in Virginia, that John Falconer late of London Merchant was a wealthy Man, and that the Receiver General produced his Account Current with the said John Falconer signed by Da: Barclay his Ex^{r} dated the 24th of November 1731 wherin the Ballance in favour of the Receiver General appears to be the sum of £381.9.4 and that the Receiver General made Oath that he had used his utmost Indeavours to recover a Satisfaction for the said Ballance out of the Effects of the said John Falconer in the Hands of Several of his Debtors in Virginia, and that he hath received and recovered no more than the Sums mentioned by way of Credit in the Account to the said Case annexed nor ever expects to receive any More, so that the loss sustained by him amounts to the Sum of £246.19.10 Sterling.

The following Petitions for Land were read and Granted Viz[t]

To Anthony Griffin twelve hundred Acres in Amelia upon the Head Branches of Great Nottoway River, adjoining upon the Upper lines of Rich[d] Eckolls and Richard Hudson

To Joseph Dabbs and Stephen Hughes Two thousand four Hundred Acres in Goochland on the upper side of Willis River, adjoining upon the lines of William Mayo and Company, Henry Cary, Dudley Digges, Thomas Edwards George Carringhton, Stephen Hughes, John Alexander, Wentworth Webb, Thomas Bassett and Joseph Dabbs, and to include four hundred Acres already surveyed for the said Joseph Dabbs, and in case there be patented Land on any branch of Willis River called Randolph's Creek, which may prevent the joining the Quantity petitioned for, they have liberty to take it up in two Surveys.

To Francis Bracey twelve Hundred Acres in Prince George County lying between Graveley Run & Stoney Creek on both Sides Sapony Road joining to the lines of Francis Eppes, Isham Eppes, Henry Maynard, and Edmond & Will[m] Browders.

To Joseph Anthony to have an Inclusive Patent for four hundred Acres in Goochland lying on the Branches of Biskett Run surveyed for Thomas Wynne, and four hundred Acres contiguous surveyed for John Anthony, and four hundred and Eight Acres Contiguous Surveyed for Harding Burnely, and four hundred & thirty four Acres surveyed for Simeon Clements all adjoining to four hundred Acres Surveyed for the Petitioner

To Richard Royal Three hundred and twenty two Acres in Amelia County on both Sides of West's Creek contiguous to three hundred and eighty Seven Acres already patented, and to have an Inclusive Patent

To Thomas Felts One thousand Acres in Surry County upon the North Side of Poplar Swamp contiguous to a Tract of two hundred and Eighty five Acres already patented, and to have an Inclusive Patent.

To William Knight One thousand Acres in Surry County upon the North side of Poplar Swamp contiguous to two hundred and thirty Acres, already patented and to have an Inclusive Patent.

To John Hatchet One thousand Acres in Henrico County adjoining on Col Samuel Cobbs upper line of his Tract called the Iron mine Tract.

To William Andrews fourteen Hundred Acres in Brunswick County, on the South side of Meherrin River, beginning upon Mr Watsons upper line & thence up the River.

To Irby Hudson five hundred Acres in Prince George County on the upper side of Chamberlaine's

To Richard Woodson four hundred Acres in Goochland above the Head of Angolo Creek contiguous to 400 Acres already surveyed for the Petetioner and to have an Inclusive Patent

To Henry Morris Two thousand Acres in Brunswick lying on both sides of the South fork of Sturgeons Run called Loyd's Run, beginning at Petillo's line and Running up the said Run

At a Council Held December the 9th 1741

Present the Governor

Mr Commissary	William Randolph
William Byrd	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot
John Custis	Thomas Lee Esq^rs^

William Peoples having entred a Caveat against granting a Patent to to [*sic*] Lewis Green, for Tw[o] hundred & Ninety four Acres of Land lying on both sides Nottoway Road in Prince George County adjoining the County line the said Lewis Green having neglected to sue out a Patent for the same in due time, and it appearing by the Return of the Sheriff that the said Lewis Green has been summoned, and he not appearing it is Ordered, that a Patent be granted to the said William Peoples for the said Land

Benjamin Reynolds having entred a Caveat against granting a Patent to Benjamin Berryman for Eight hundred Acres of Land in Orange formerly Spotsylvania County for which the said Berryman had obtained a Certificate as being lapsed from Sarah Russell, the said Berryman not having sued out a Patent for the same in due time; and it appearing by the Return of the Sheriff that the said Berryman has been summoned, and he not appearing It is Ordered, that a Patent be granted to the said Benjamin Reynolds for the said Land.

Francis Thornton Junr having entred a Caveat against granting a Patent to Benjamin Berryman for five hundred and Sixty Eight Acres of Land in Orange formerly Spotsylvania County

lapsed from John Hughes and two hundred Acres or thereabouts adjoining thereto, the said Berryman not having sued out a Patent for the same in due time, and it appearing by the Return of the Sheriff that the said Berryman has been Summoned and he not appearing, it is Ordered that a Patent be granted to the said Francis Thornton for the same.

Nicholas Edmonds having entred a Caveat against granting a Patent to John Merrit for four Hundred Acres of Land in Brunswick County lying on the Branches of the Great Creek, the said John Merrit having neglected to sue out a Patent for the same in due time, and it appearing by the return of the Sheriff that the said John Merrit has been summoned and he not appearing It is Ordered that a Patent be granted to the said Nicholas Edmonds.

John Watson having entred a Caveat against granting a Patent to Samuel Hosford for four Hundred Acres of Land lying on the North side of Stanton River in Brunswick County no Patent having been Issued out for the same in due time for reasons appearing to the Board the said Caveat is discharged

Henry Reynolds having Entred a Caveat against granting a Patent to Charles Jenkins for four hundred Acres of Land or thereabouts adjoining upon Coll Richard Randolphs line upon the North side of Stanton River in the County of Brunswick, the said Charles Jenkins having Neglected to Sue out a Patent for the said Land in due time, and it appearing by the Return of the Sheriff that the said Charles Jenkins has been Summoned, and he not appearing, It is ordered that a Patent be granted for the said Land to the said Henry Reynolds.

William Waller having entred a Caveat against granting a Patent to Joseph Hawkins & William Cady for three hundred and seventeen Acres of Land in Orange County above the little Mountains on both sides the Marsh Run, the said Joseph Hawkins & William Cady having neglected to sue out a Patent for the same in due time, and it appearing by the Returns of the Several Sheriffs of Hanover and Orange County that the said Joseph Hawkins & William Cady have been summoned, and they not appearing, It is ordered that a Patent be granted to the said William Waller for the said Land

Edmond Lilly having entred a Caveat against granting a Patent to John Tabb for Eight hundred Acres or thereabouts lying in the Parish of Kingston in the County of Gloster supposed to be

escheated from Sarah Alloman deceased the said John Tabb being summoned and the said Edmond Lilly not appearing to make good his Caveat the same is discharged

Josias Randel & William Hill having entred a Caveat against granting a Patent to Robert Munford for Eight Hundred Acres of Land in Brunswick County on the Branches of Blew Stone Creek, the Parties appearing upon reasons offered to the Board the said Caveat is discharged.

William Keith having entred a Caveat against granting a Patent to John Simmons for Two hundred Acres of Land in Prince George County adjoining to Thomas Kirkland and Rowantee Road and Henry Watherbourne[40] having likewise entred a like Caveat for that the said John Simmons had neglected to sue out a Patent for the Same in due time, and it appearing by the Return of the Sheriff that the said John Simmons has been summoned, and not appearing but the said William Keith and Henry Wetherbourne appearing for reasons offered to the Board it is ordered that a Patent be granted to the said William Keith for the said Land.

On hearing the Caveat entred by James Petillo against granting a Patent to Robert Bolling for Fifteen hundred Acres of Land in Prince George County between the Lands of Herbert and Moreland, the Main Road and Jeneto Pond and the Petition of the said Petillo that Six hundred Acres Part thereof might be granted to him the said Bolling having neglected to sue out a Patent in due time for the same fifteen Hundred Acres, and the Parties appearing. It is ordered that the entry made by Thomas Bryan on the Eleventh of Aprill 1729 for 200 Acres part of the said fifteen hundred Acres, as also another Entry by John Evans on the twenty Seventh of November 1735 for 200 Acres part of the said fifteen hundred Acres, as also another Entry by John Hansell on the 2d of June 1736 for 200 Acres part of the said fifteen hundred Acres, as also another Entry by Paul Sears on the 18th of February 1736 for 200 Acres part of the said fifteen hundred Acres be first served and that a Patent be granted to the said James Petillo for Six hundred Acres out of the Remainder if so much there be.

Upon hearing the Caveat entred into by John Taliaferro against granting a Patent to Anthony Strother for Two hundred and Seventy five Acres in Caroline County supposed to be unpatented and

[40]The reference to this case in the *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [60], gives this name as Wetherbands.

lying between the said Taliaferro's Land the Land of Gawin Corbin and the Lands of Thomas Catlett, It appearing to the Board that the said Taliaferro, or those under whom he Claims, have been in possession of the said Land for more than forty Years, It is ordered that the said Caveat remain in force, to prevent the said Strothers having a Patent for the said Land.

The following Petitions for Land were read and Granted

To Thomas Mitchell three thousand Acres in Brunswick to begin at Mu[l]berry Creek thence up and down the Branches of Falling River on the South Side of the said River

To James Maxwell Three thousand Acres in Orange County on the South Branch of Sherrando beginning one Mile and a half below naked Creek on both Sides of the River.

To Stephen Collins leave is granted to Renew his Order of the 4th of August last for two thousand Acres in Amelia County beginning at a Horse Pen below Abraham Martin's line upon Mountain Creek thence up the Head of Nottoway River

To John Roper Sixteen hundred Acres in Brunswick on both Sides Bryery Creek on the South Side of Great Creek

To John Henry Eight Hundred Acres adjoining to a Tract of Eight Hundred Acres purchased by him of William Randolph Gentl on the North Side of Rivanna in Goochland, and to have an Inclusive Patent.

To John May Junr Eight Hundred Acres in Prince George County lying on the Heads of the Great Creek of Nottoway River, and the Heads of Rocky Run, Including an Entry for four Hundred Acres purchased of Henry Baily

To Henry Tyler four Hundred Acres adjoining to Six hundred and Twenty five Acres purchased of Samuel Harwood lying on the Poplar Swamp in the County of Surry, and to Two hundred & Seventy five Acres already patented to him and to have an Inclusive Patent for the Whole

To John Peter Wagnor Two hundred Acres, adjoining to a Tract of four Hundred Acres purchased of [. . .][41] Poythress, and lying upon the lines of Thomas Haines & Robert Bolling in Prince George County and to have an Inclusive Patent

Upon further hearing the Complaint of the Revd Mr James Pedin, against the Order of the Vestry of Nottoway Parish, for removing the said Pedin from being Minister thereof, at the Request

[41]Blank in original.

of the Church Wardens of the said Parish time is given them, till the Eleventh day of May Next to produce Witnesses, to make good the Allegations of the said Order; and in the Mean time it is ordered that the said Church wardens admit the said Pedin to Preach in the Church, and to all other Duties of his Ministerial Function

The Governor Acquainted the Board that he had received a Letter from Mr Tally one of the Inspectors of Page's Warehouse in Hanover County complaining that he is refused payment for his Attendance, for four Months as Inspector; It is the Opinion of the Board that he ought to be paid his Salary, in proportion to the time he attended

Ordered that the Receiver General pay the Sum of fifty Pounds to Samuel Barron.

The Governor desiring the advice of the Board what would be the properest time for the Meeting of the Assembly, It is their Opinion that the Day next Day after the End of the Next General Court will be the properest time

The Petition of Philip Johnson for licence to Practice as an Attorney in the County Courts is referred to Richard Francis Esqr to Examine him and make a Report of his Qualifications

At a Council held Aprill the 20th 1742

Present the Governor

William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	Wm Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Grymes	Philip Lightfoot

Thomas Lee Esq^rs^

The Governor proposing to the Consideration of the Board; the great Scarcity of Indian Corn, It is ordered that a Proclamation Issue to prohibit the Exportation thereof from and after the sixth day of May Next untill the first of November following

The Governor communicated to the Board the Instructions of the Right Honourable the Lords of the Admiralty to Captn William Dandridge, Commander of his Majesty's Ship the South Sea Castle; which Instructions had been sent to the Governor by the said Dan-

dridge, and thereupon it is ordered that the said Instructions be recorded by the Clerk of this Board

At a Council Held Aprill the 27th 1742

Present the Governor

Mr Commissary Blair	John Custis
William Byrd	Wm Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Grymes	Thomas Lee Esqrs

Upon further Consideration of the Petition of James Patten and John Lewis the same having been referred 'till the Sitting of this Present General Court for the Petitioners to Make proof of their labour & Expences in seating the Lands in the Petition mentioned Setting forth that by an Order of Council dated the 5th day of May 1737 leave was granted to Edward Barradall Esqr & the said Lewis to survey thirty thousand Acres of Land in Orange County to be taken up in one or More Surveys including a Certain place called the Calf Pasture, upon Condition of seating one Family for each Thousand Acres; and further setting forth that the said Patten being a Master of a Ship, had become a Partner in the said Lands, and had at his great expence transported Several Families from the North of Ireland in Order to Comply with the Condition of the said Order, and further Setting forth that the Petitioners not being well acquainted with the Nature of Taking up Lands in this Colony did some time in the Month of Aprill 1741 write to their Friend Mr William Beverley to lodge the Surveys of Part of the said Land, and to pay what money should be necessary towards obtaining Patents for the same, which said Beverley not knowing the Nature of the said Order, did give his Note of Hand to John Grymes Esqr to pay a Number of Rights sufficient for the said Land, which Rights were accordingly delivered into the Secretary's Office, and therefore praying that this Board would order the said Note to be delivered up, and that the Lands may be granted to the Petrs without any other Rights, than the Families by them transported into this Colony, and Actually settled upon the said Land, Whereupon it appearing to the Satisfaction of the Board, that the Petrs have been at a very great Expence, and Trouble in procuring thirty Six families to be seated on the said Lands; It is therefore Ordered

that the Clerk of the Secretary's Office do deliver back to the said Receiver General as many Rights as were paid into the said Office for the Lands, (the Receiver General having already accounted with his Majesty for the same) And that upon Delivery of such Rights the said Receiver General deliver up to the Pet^{rs} the said William Beverley's Note to be cancelled

The Following Petitions for Land were read & granted

To William Twitty Sixteen Hundred Acres on both Sides ash Swamp Creek in Brunswick County beginning at a White Oak on the Creek marked I T thence up and down the said Creek.

To Drury Stith, Michael Cadet Young, and Henry Morris five thousand Acres on both sides blew Stone Creek in Brunswick County beginning at the Road, thence up and down the said Creek

To William Peoples, Eight Hundred Acres in Prince George County on the South Side of Joseph's Swamp including two hundred and Ninety four Acres for which the Pet^{r} obtained an Order of Council the 9th of December 1741 as Neglected to be patented in due time by Lewis Green, and also including one hundred and fifty Acres whereon the Pet^{r} lives, the Residue to be made up out of the Adjacent uncultivated Lands

To John Simmons three Hundred Acres adjoining to the Land he lives on, on the North Side of Second Swamp in Prince George County and to have an Inclusive Patent

To Christopher Degraffenreidt two thousand Acres in Brunswick & Amelia Counties, upon Swiss Creek, & the Branches of Meherrin River, adjoining to Col Richd Randolph's line, and to four hundred and four Acres adjudged to the Pet^{r} as lapsed from Richard Leadbetter, and Eighteen Hundred and forty five Acres already granted to the Pet^{r} and to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Ann Mayo five hundred Acres in Amelia County, on the upper Side of Flat Creek; and on both Sides the Haw Branch, adjoining to a Tract purchased by the Pet^{r} of Richard Kennon Junr and patented the 17th of March 1736 and to have and [*sic*] Inclusive Patent.

To Edward Broadnax two thousand Acres in Brunswick County joining on the North side of a Tract of fourteen hundred and fourteen Acres granted to the Pet^{r} lying on Mill's Creek

To John Edloe one thousand Acres in Brunswick County beginning at Kiddlestick Bridge running North West for Distance,

then South West for the great Branch, then down the Branch to Kiddlestick

To Abraham Cock one thousand Acres in Brunswick County beginning at Richard Smith's line on Nottoway River, thence up the said River and on Both sides of Hoands Creek.

To Henry Walthers Two thousand Acres in Amelia County beginning at Coll Rich[d] Randolph's line upon Bush River on the Branches of Appomatox and adjoining upon John Mullins line

To John Woodson Two thousand Acres in Goochland County lying between the lines of the Land granted to Thomas Massy deceased, Leonard Ballow, Thomas Pattison and a Tract patented to the Pet[r] for Two thousand five hundred and Ninety Acres and to have an Inclusive Patent

To William Cabbel Twelve hundred Acres in Goochland County on both sides Fluvanna River, adjoining to his Patent for four thousand Eight Hundred Acres and to have an Inclusive Patent

To William Cabbel Twelve Hundred Acres in Goochland County on the Branches of Rivanna & Byrd Creek, beginning at Arthur Hopkins line.

To William Cabbel to include in one Survey Six hundred and forty Acres in Goochland County lying on Fluvanna River, already surveyed in three Survey's for the Petitioner

To William Cabbel and Arthur Hopkins four Thousand Acres in Goochland beginning at Edward Scots Lower Corner white Oak, on the North side the Fluvanna thence Down the River Towards the Mill Dam, thence on both Sides the lower fork of Potier Creek towards the Mountains

To Thomas Walker and William Holliday Four thousand Acres in Brunswick County, beginning at the first great fork of Sandy Creek, on the South Side Banister River, and extending up the said Creek

To Henry Cook so much Land adjoining to his Plantation on the Great Swamp in Brunswick County, as will make the Whole two thousand Acres, and to have an Inclusive Patent.

To Peter Wych so much Land adjoining to his Plantation on the North Side of Fountains Creek in Brunswick County as will make the Whole Two thousand Acres and to have an Inclusive Patent

To Michael Wall so much Land adjoining to his Plantation on the South Side of Meherrin River in Brunswick County as will make the whole four thousand Acres and to have an Inclusive Patent

To William Megginson to include in one Survey One Hundred and Eighty Acres Patented to William Cabbell, and four Hundred Acres adjoining Patented likewise to the said Wm Cabbell and both Conveyed to the Pet^{r} lying in Goochland County, and to have an Inclusive Patent for the Whole

To Thomas Christian four Hundred Acres Adjoining to Eight hundred & thirty three Acres patented to the Pet^{r} lying upon Buttels Creek in Goochland County and to have an Inclusive Patent

To William Embrey & Henry Embrey Junr Two thousand Acres on the Branches of Meherrin River in Brunswick County.

To Abraham Cock five thousand Acres in Brunswick County beginning at Robert Rivers line on Meherrin River, thence Down the said River on both sides.

To John Macklin one Thousand Acres in Brunswick County on the South Side of Mitchells Creek

At a Council Held May the 4th 1742

Present the Governor

Mr Commissary Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
John Robinson	Wm Randolph

Philip Lightfoot Esq^{rs}

The Several Persons hereafter named were appointed Inspectors at the following Publick Warehouses Viz^{t} at[42]

Falmouth Warehouse.....	John Grant
Shepherds Warehouse.....	Robert Dudley Junr
Hunger & Cherristones.....	Wm Elligood & Saml Mapp
Littlepages.....	William Clopton
Coan.....	Richard Haines

[42]The corresponding table in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [62], includes the names of the counties in which these warehouses were located: Falmouth, King George; Shepherds (given as Shephard's), King and Queen; Hunger & Cherristones, Northampton; Littlepages, New Kent; Coan, Northumberland; Norfolk & Kemp's, Norfolk and Princess Ann [*sic*]; Boyd's Hole, Stafford; Maycocks, Prince George.

Norfolk & Kemps.....Thos Scott &
James Kemp
Boyd's Hole.....Townsend Washington
Maycocks.....John Hamlin

An Account of Contingent Charges, and for repairs for the Governors House being laid before the Board, was allowed

The Receiver General is to be allowed twenty per Cent for the Difference of Exchange for the Current Year.

At a Council Held May the 11th 1742

Present the Governor

Mr Commissary Blair	William Randolph
Cole Diggs	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot
John Custis	Thomas Lee Esqrs

Upon hearing this Day the Complaint of the Revd Mr James Pedin Rector of Nottoway Parish in the County of Isle of Wight, against the Order of Vestry of the said Parish, whereby it was unanimously agreed not to entertain the said Pedin as Minister of the said Parish any longer, and upon Examination of divers Witnesses as well in behalf of the said Vestry as the said Pedin, It is the Opinion of this Board, that the Charges in the said Order of Vestry against the said Pedin of being guilty of many Immoralities, such as Drunkness, Prophane Swearing, & lewd and Debauched Actions are fully proved; and therefore this Board dothe recommend the Matter to Mr Commissary Blair, as being of Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, requesting him to proceed therein with all convenient Speed, so as the said Pedin may be deprived of his said Benefice, and be for the Future utterly debarred of Exercising any Duties of his Ministerial Function in the said Parish

At a Council Held May the 12th 1742

Present the Governor

Mr Commissary Blair	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Custis	Philip Lightfoot

Thomas Lee Esqrs

The Petition of Clement Pines to Practice as an Attorney in the County Courts is Referred to Rich[d] Francis Esq[r] who is to Examine him and Report his Qualifications to the Board

Upon Reading the Humble Representation of Sundry Merchants Masters of Vessels, and other Inhabitants of the Counties of Nansemond, Isle of Wight and Brunswick, setting forth that the River of Nottoway and Blackwater running thro' the first named Counties, and being Branches of Cowan River in North Carolina, are Navigable fourteen Miles in Virginia, so that Ships of Two hundred Hggds of Tobacco burthen may safely ride there, but that as there is no Naval Officer appointed in those Parts, the said Merchants, Masters of Vessels and Inhabitants labour under many Inconveniences, It is therefore Ordered that the Naval Officer of the Upper District of James River, do appoint some able and Sufficient Person residing Near one or both the said Rivers to Act as his Deputy, with full Power to perform and exercise all Duties and authorities of a Naval Officer, and to Collect the Duties upon Liquors, Skins, and Furrs within the said Rivers of Nottoway and Blackwater as far as they extend into this Colony.

At a Council Held May the 18th 1742

Present the Governor

Cole Diggs	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Grymes	Philip Lightfoot
John Custis	Thomas Lee Esq[rs]

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of Two shillings per Hggd Port Duties, and Head Money was this Day signed by the Governor

For half a Years Salary to the Governor	1000..—..—
For half a Years Salary to the Council	300..—..—
To the Judges and other Officers of the Court of Oyer and Terminer	100..—..—
To half a Y[rs] Salary to the Auditors of the Plantations	50..—..—
To half a Years Sallary to the Solicitor of the Virginia Affairs	50..—..—
To half a Years Sallary to the Attorney General	35..—..—
To half a Years Salary to the Clerk of the Council	50..—..—

To the Ministers Attending one General Court.....	8..—..—
To half a Years Salary to the Armourer.....	6
To half a Years Salary to the Gunners of the Batteries	23..10..—
For Repairs done to the Governors House.....	47.. 6..10½
For Contingent Charges	340..17.. 2
For Half a Years Salary to the Adjutant.....	75..—..—
For the Costs and Shipping Charges of fifty Barrels of Powder	197.. 6..10

Out of the Quit Rents

To Mr Commissary for half a Years Salary.....	50..—..—
To the Attorney General for half a Years Salary.....	35..—..—

The Account of his Majesty's Revenue of Two Shills per Hggd Port Duties and Head Money from the 25th of Octr 1741 to the 25th of Aprill 1742 was presented by the Receiver General, who made Oath to the said Account, and the same being Examined by the Deputy Auditor was certifyed by the Governor as Usual

The following Petition for Land was Read and Granted

To John Hampton five Hundred Acres in Orange County, on the South Branch of Potowmack beginning at the lower end of the Rough Mountain, & running down the South side of the River to Patrick Cogan's Land.

At a Council Held June 4th 1742[43]

Present the Governor

Mr. Commissary Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe

Thomas Lee Esqrs

The Government Engages to make satisfaction to Mr John Hutchins for four Guns by him lent to Capt Wimbleton, for the use of his

[43]*Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [64], had recorded meetings on May 21 and June 1, 1742, which were struck out. The former meeting had recorded one item of business, the appointment of Nicholas Edmunds (Edmonds) as coroner for Brunswick County, which is shown in the journal under June 4, 1742.

Majesty's Sloop Cruiser, in case the said Guns shall be lost or Damaged in his Majesty's Service

Nicholas Edmonds is appointed Coroner for the County of Brunswick

At a Council Held June 10th 1742

Present the Governor

Mr Commissary Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe

Thomas Lee Esqrs

Joshua Clark having entred a Caveat against granting a Patent to James Parham for four hundred and Twenty Acres lying and being on the North side Fountains Creek in Brunswick County, and it appearing by the Return of the Sheriff, that the said James Parham is an Inhabitant of North Carolina, It is Ordered that a Patent be granted for the said Land to the said Joshua Clark

George Carrington having entred a Caveat in the Secretary's Office against granting a Patent to Robert Christian for land in Goochland, which the said Christian lately recovered in Council from the said Carrington, and the said Carrington having never entred a Caveat in the Council Office or summoned the said Christian, It is Ordered that a Patent be granted to the said Christian for the said Land.

Thomas Williams having entred a Caveat against granting a Patent to Henry Bedingfield for four Hundred Acres of Land or thereabouts lying on Jeneto Creek in Brunswick County, the said Henry Bedingfield having neglected to sue out a Patent for the same in due time, and it appearing by the Return of the Sheriff that the said Henry Bedingfield has been summoned and he not appearing, It is ordered that the said Thomas Williams have a Patent for the said Land.

Daniel Pegram having entred a Caveat against Abraham Micheau for four Hundred Acres in Brunswick County, ordered, that the Merits of the said Caveat be argued Peremptorily in December Next.

William Winston having entred a Caveat against granting a Patent to William Byrd Esq[r] or Samuel Tchivelly[44] for one Thousand Acres in Brunswick County on the south Side of Dan River, the said Byrd and Tchivelly appearing according to Summons and the said William Winston not appearing to make good his Caveat, It is ordered, that the same be dismissed

James Terry having entred a Caveat against granting a Patent to Gideon Marr for four Hundred Acres in Goochland County lying on the Branches of Bare Creek, the said Marr having neglected to sue out a Patent in due time, and it appearing by the Return of the Sheriff that the said Gideon Marr has been summoned and not appearing, It is Ordered that the said James Terry have a Patent for the said Land

Richard Maudlin having entred a Caveat against Granting a Patent to James Barton four [*sic*] four Hundred Acres County[45] on both sides Naked Creek, and on the South side Shennando River, the said James Barton having neglected to sue out a Patent in due time; And it appearing by the Return of the Sheriff, that the said James Barton has been summoned and not appearing It is Ordered that the said Richard Maudlin have a Patent for the said Land

Robert Green, John Blair Jun[r] and John Newport having entred a Caveat against granting a Patent to Daniel Brown or his Sons for Twelve hundred Acres in three Surveys adjoining to a Patent of four Hundred Acres of the said Daniel in the little Fork of Rappahanock, and near the red Oak Mountain in Orange County, The said Daniel Brown having neglected to sue out a Patent in due time, and all Parties having come to an Agreement among themselves, It is Ordered by Consent of Parties that the said Robert have a Patent for the said Land

Thomas Brown having entred a Caveat against granting a Patent to Daniel Brown Sen[r] for four Hundred Acres in Orange County upon the Branches of Blackwater Run at a Place called Goard Pine Fork, the said Daniel Brown having neglected to sue out a Patent in due time, and it appearing by the Return of the Sheriff that the said Daniel Brown has been summoned, and he not appearing, It is ordered that the said Thomas Brown have a Patent for the said Land.

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[44]*Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [66], spells this surname Tchiffley.

[45]The name of the county is omitted but it was doubtless Augusta County. *Cf.* record of a similar caveat against James Barton, p. 255.

Richard Thomas having Entred a Caveat against granting a Patent to Abraham Micheau for four Hundred Acres in Brunswick beginning upon Robert Dyers line in the Fork of Crucked Run formerly called Green Creek the said Micheau having Neglected to sue out a Patent in Due time, and the said Micheau appearing According to Summons and the said Thomas not appearing to Make good his Caveat, it is Ordered that the same be dismissed

The Petition of Augustine Claiborne for a Licence to practice as an Attorney in the County Courts is referred to Mr James Power to examine him and report his Qualifications

At a Council Held June 11th 1742

Present the Governor

Mr Commissary Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe

Thomas Lee Esq^rs^

The Governor was pleased to Appoint the Persons herein after Named to be Sheriffs of the following Counties Viz^t^ for

Northampton	Thomas Marshall
Hanover	James Skelton
Lancaster	William Steptoe
Isle of Wight	Ethelred Taylor
Orange	Richard Winslow
King William	Richard Gregory
Caroline	John Macon
Brunswick	Nicholas Lanier
Accomack	Southy Rew
Nansemond	William Wright
Elizabeth City	Joseph Bannister
Essex	Thomas Waring
Richmond	Gilbert Hamilton

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of King and Queen, and that the following Persons be added Viz

Thomas Thorpe, John Strachey, Patrick Barclay, Thomas Todd, and Gregory Smith and that one half of the Justices and one more be of the Quorum

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Norfolk, and that the following Persons be added Viz: Willis Wilson, Richard Church, Josias Smith, John Fripp, Thomas Newton, Charles Sweney, John Tucker, Nathaniel Tatum, and that one half of the Justices and one more be of the Quorum

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of the Isle of Wight, and that the following Persons be added Viz^{t} Thomas Smith, John Willes, John Somervell, Benjamin Ruffin, Jesse Brown, Thomas Applethwaite, Benjamin Simmons, Micaijah Edwards, and that one half of the Justices and one more be of the Quorum, and that John Hodsden, Benjamin Clements, and James Ridgeley be left out of the said Commission[46]

At a Council held June 12th 1742

Present the Governor

Mr Commissary Blair	John Custis
William Byrd	William Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Grymes	Thomas Lee Esq^{rs}

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of King George, and that the following Persons be added Viz^{t} Thomas Turner who is to be put in his former Place, Charles Ewell, Arthur & Jonathen Sidenham[47]

[46]In the corresponding entry in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [67], John Somervell appears as John Summerell [?], Thomas Applethwaite as Thomas Applewhite [?], James Ridgeley as James Ridley; and one other justice, John Applewhite, is shown in the commission.

[47]The corresponding record in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [67], has Arthur Spicer, Jonathan Sidenham instead of Arthur & Jonathen Sidenham.

At a Council Held June 16. 1742

Present the Governor

Mr Commissary Blair	John Grymes
William Byrd	John Custis
Cole Digges	William Randolph

Thomas Lee Esq^{rs}

On the Motion of the Officers of his Majesty's Revenue, they are Impowered to Sign Rights to the Value of five Hundred pounds, and the Receiver General is to Issue them as Usuall

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Princess Ann; and that the following Persons be added Viz^{t} John Thoroughgood Junr William Keeling Senr and George Wishard, and that one half of the Justices and one More be of the Quorum

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Lancaster, and that John Stepto and Peter Conway be added thereto, and that one half of the Justices and one more be of the Quorum

At a Council Held at the Capitol June 19th 1742

Present the Governor

Mr Commissary Blair	John Grymes
Cole Digges	John Custis
John Robinson	William Randolph

Thomas Lee Esq^{rs}

Ordered

That the Court House of Fairfax County be built at a Place called Spring Fields, situated between the New Church and Ox road in the Branches of Difficult Run, Hunting Creek and Accotinck

Ordered

That the Court House of Prince William County be built at a Place called Brent Town belonging to Richard Foot

At a Council Held at the Capitol July 16th 1742

Present the Governor

Mr Commissary Blair	William Dandridge
Cole Digges	John Custis

Philip Lightfoot Esqrs

The Governor communicating to the Board a Letter he received from William Bull Esqr Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina dated July the 6th 1742 purporting that he had received certain Intelligence that the Colony of Georgia was invaded by a Powerful Number of Spanish Troops, who were landed in Order to make a Descent there, and that he had sent to the Commanders of his Majesty's Ships stationed at the Neighbouring Colonies to Sail thither and give all immediate Assistance to General Oglethorpe to Enable him to repel the said Attempt; and that his Majesty's Ship the Flamborough, and the Hawk and Swift Men of War Sloops together with a Row Galley were already gone, and that his Majesty's Ship the Rye together with Another Row Galley would soon be ready; and Captn William Dandridge Commander of his Majesty's Ship the South Sea Castle communicating likewise to the Board two Letters he had received one from the said William Bull Esqr, and the Other from Captn Charles Hardy Commander of his Majesty's Ship the Rye, and Demanding his immediate Assistance. It is the Opinion and Advice of the Board, that the said Captn William Dandridge do with all Convenient Speed sail with his Majesty's Ship the South Sea Castle to the Colony of Georgia in Order to give his best Assistance to General Oglethorpe according to the Request of the said Letters.

Henry Morris having been sent with a Message to the Nations of Indians of Cherokees and Catawbas, and being returned with an Answer. It is Ordered that the Receiver General do pay to the said Henry Morris the Sum of forty Pounds Current Money in Satisfaction for his Trouble

At a Council Held July 26th 1742

Present the Governor

Mr Commissary Blair	John Custis
John Grymes	John Tayloe

Philip Lightfoot Esqrs

The Governor Communicating to the Board a Letter from Samuel Ogle Esqr Governor of Maryland, informing him of a Conspiracy between the Indians of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and the Nothern Indians, to Attack the Inhabitants of Pennsylvania and Maryland, as also Several Examinations of Several Indians discovering the Particulars of the said Conspiracy, It is the Advice of the Board that the Governor Return for Answer, that this Government will be always ready to give their utmost and immediate Assistance to the People of Maryland in case of an Attack from the said Indians: But as the Governor of Maryland intimates in his said Letter, that he Expects Some Assistance from the Militia of Virginia, that it will be very difficult to perswade them to pass over Patowmack River or Chesapeak Bay,[48] and therefore that in Case of Such Distress if the Government or Assembly of Maryland would offer a Premium or Encouragement for Volunteers there would be no reason to doubt, but a good Number of Men might be raised in Virginia for that Service

Ordered

That a Quantity of Ammunition such as the Governor shall think Sufficient be immediately sent to Fredericksburg, to Supply the Inhabitants of the Frontiers of the Colony in case of any Emergency, and that Dispatches be immediately sent to the Commanding Officers of the Militia upon the Frontiers and the adjacent Counties to be upon their Guard, to Seize and examine all Indians they shall find Stragling or in Parties, and give immediate Notice to the Government, in case of any just Cause of Suspicion

The Governor was pleased to appoint Henry Whiting to be Sheriff of Middlesex County and Arthur Dickenson of York County.

Upon Reading the Representation and Complaint of the Vestry of North farnham Parish against the Reverend Mr Thomas Bluett Minister of the said Parish, It is ordered that the Matter of the said Complaint be heard on the Twenty first Day of October next, and that the said Bluett have due Notice of this Order.

Examin'd — R. Francis Cl Con

[48]In the corresponding entry in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [69], it is stated that the government of Virginia can not compel the militia, contrary to law, to march out of the colony.

Rec^{d} March ye 11th 1744/5.
With Col^{o} Gooch's Lett^{r}
dated ye 21st Dec^{br} 1744.

Journals of the Council for
the Colony and Dominion of Virginia
from the Sixth day of August 1742.[49]

To the 10th Sept^{br} 1744.

At a Council held at the Capitol August the 6th 1742.

Present
The Governor

Mr Commissary Blair
John Robinson } Esq^{rs} { John Custis } Esq^{rs}
John Grymes { Philip Lightfoot

The Accounts of his Majestys Quit Rents and of Two Shillings per Hogshead from the 25th of April 1741 to the Twenty fifth of April 1742 Examined by the Deputy Auditor were this day produced in Council & Sworn to by the Receiver General and accordingly Certifyed by the Governor in the usual manner.

The Governor was pleased to appoint William Taliaferro Sherif for the County of King and Queen.

The Governor having appointed the Honble John Robinson Esqr to be Secretary of this Colony in the Room of John Carter Esqr deced till his Majesty's Pleasure be known He accordingly took the usual Oath of Office

Ordered

That a Proclamation issue to Prorogue the Assembly to the Third Thursday in November next.

[49]From a photographic copy of original manuscript journal in the British Public Record Office, C. O. 5:1423, showing 103 numbered pages. The journal was evidently written by an assistant to the clerk of the Council as the handwriting is different from the latter's attestation at the end. The endorsement preceding the title and the delimiting statement following the title are evidently in the handwriting of the person who added endorsements to the title-pages of the journals for October 16, 1740-June 11, 1741, and October 15, 1741-July 26, 1742.

Philip Lightfoot Esqr presented to the Board his Majestys Approbation of the Act Intituled an Act for Docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of Charles City & vesting the same in Philip Lightfoot Esqr in Fee Simple Which being read, Ordered to be Recorded in the Secretary's Office.

At a Council held at the Capitol October 15th 1742.

Present
The Governor

William Bird
John Robinson
John Grymes
John Custis
Thomas Lee Esq^{rs}

The Governor having been pleased to Grant a Commission to Mr Robert Staunton to be Clerk of the Council in the Room of Richard Francis Esqr and he producing a Certificate from Mr Joseph Davenport Clerk of the Court of Hustings in the City of Williamsburgh of his having taken the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament was accordingly admitted And the Oath of his Office administred to him

The Governor was pleased to Communicate to the Board a Letter from James Oglethorp Esqr dated the 31st of July 1742 with an inclosed Paper which were severally read Purporting an Account of the late Attack made by the Spaniards to Invade that Colony and Mr Oglethorpe's Conduct & Success in defeating their Attempt & obliging them to retire with Considerable Loss on their side & to advise with the Governor if a proper means could be fallen upon to raise a Number of Men in the different Provinces of America sufficient to attack and dislodge the Body of Spanish Forces Garrison'd in St Augustine. And also desiring a Supply of Cannon & Shot and upon Consideracon of the premises it is the Opinion and Advice of this Honble Board that the Governor return for Answer That this Colony will be always ready to give their utmost Assistance to the Colony of Georgia and that such Gentlemen as shall be sent hither to raise Recruits or purchase Horses for the Service may expect & depend upon all the Assistance & Countenance in their Power But are of Opinion they have not a sufficient Power to Impress or Compel men to enter into the Service Which can be done only by a proper Power & Authority from his Maj-

esty for that purpose And further to acquaint him that this Colony is not in a Condition to supply the Cannon & Shot which is desired but believe it probable they may be furnish'd with them from the more Northern Provinces who have lately had Supplys from his Majesty.

The Governor laid before the Board a Letter from Samuel Ogle Esqr Governor of Maryland Dated 10th August 1742 and a Copy of an Order of Council held at Annapolis the 24th of July 1742 and a Copy of a Letter from George Thomas Esqr Governor of Pensilvania dated July 23^{d} 1742 Which were severally read Purporting the Measures that have been taken to put a stop to the Conspiracy which had been formed between the Indians of the Eastern Shore of Maryland & the Northern Indians to Attack the Inhabitants of Pensilvania Maryland & Virginia if they did not receive Satisfaccon for certain Lands lying on Susquehanna Cheseapeak Ifanandowa & the parts adjacent belonging (as they say) to them the said Indians for which they have never been paid and are now possessed by the people of Maryland & Virginia & proposing that they are willing to treat with the people who are in possession of those Lands And to receive such a Consideracon for them as the Land is worth They desire a Possitive Answer & threaten in Case they have not that they are able & will do themselves Justice And upon Consideracon of these Circumstances Mr Ogle the Governor of Maryland thought it necessary for the Security of his Majestys Subjects of these Provinces to have the Assistance of this Government in his Negotiations with the Indians & that he had Ordered a Messenger to be sent to the six Nations to Invite them down to Annopolis to treat with them on that Head It is therefore the Opinion & Advice of this Honble Board that the Governor return for answer to Mr Ogle Desiring him that he will be pleased to send proper Notice to this Government of the time appointed for the Indian Commissioners to meet at Annopolis and that this Government will appoint the Honble John Tayloe & the Honble Thomas Lee Esq^{rs} Commissioners to meet & treat with the Indians at the same time & Place on the behalf of this Colony.

The Governor Communicated to the Board a Letter from the Honble George Clerk Esqr Governor of New York Dated August 9th 1742 With a Copy of his Speech to the Six Nations of Indians in the presence of the Commissary of the Indians in a Council held at Albany the 10th June 1742 In order to procure a Lasting Peace &

Friendship between the Cherokees & Cattawbaws Which were severally read And it is the Opinion of this Board that the Governor of New York has taken very proper Measures to accomplish so Useful & Necessary a Work and desire the Governor of this Colony will use his Endeavours & give all the Assistance in his Power to make up the Differences & remove all Jealousy's that have been of late Subsisting between the Nations of Cherokees & Cattawbaw Indians.

At a Council held at the Capitol October 16th 1742.

Present

William Bird	John Custis
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot
John Grymes	Thomas Lee Esqrs
William Dandridge	

The several Persons hereafter named were appointed Inspectors at the following Publick Warehouses Vizt at[50]

Potomack Creek	William Mountjoy
	Charles Waller
Dimers & Indian Creek	George Flower
	John Kent
New Warehouse	Joseph Steward
	John Chew
Falls of Potomack	Daniel French
	Townshend Dade
Aquia	Willm Harrison
Roys	Francis Stern
	John Boutwell
Gibsons	George Tankersly
	John Wren
Mortons	Richard Bryan
	John Grant
Falmouth	Anthony Hayne
	Nicholas Strother

[50]The list in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [71], includes the names of counties in which certain warehouses were located: Potomack Creek, Stafford; New Warehouse, Spotsilvania [*sic*]; Falls of Potomack, Fairfax; Aquia, Stafford; Roys, Caroline; Gibsons, King George.

At a Council held at the Capitol Octr 20th 1742

Present

William Bird	John Grymes
Cole Digges	John Custis
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot
	Thomas Lee Esq^{rs}

On Reading the Petition of several of the Inhabitants of Prince William County in Relation to the Appointment of a proper Place for their Court House and hearing Richard Blackburn & Thomas Harrison Junr Gent & inspecting the Plan of the said County As it will remain after the Division shall take place It is the Opinion of this Honble Board that it shall be referred to Colonel Henry Fitzhugh Colonel William Fairfax & Colonel John Colvil to view the several Places proposed for building the Courthouse of the said County and Report to the Governor which they think most Convenient for that purpose.[51]

At a Council held at the Capitol Octr 23^{d} 1742.

Present

Mr Commissary Blair	John Grymes
William Bird	John Custis
Cole Digges	Philip Lightfoot
John Robinson	Thomas Lee Esq^{rs}

Upon Reading this Day the Representation & Complaint of the Vestry of Northfarnham Parish against the Reverend Mr Blewit the Minister of the said parish Charging him with Drunkenness prophane Swearing & other Immoralitys & Misdemeanors in his Function as Minister And upon the Examination of diverse Witnesses on behalf of the Vestry And hearing the defence of the said Mr Blewit It is the Opinion of this Board that the Charges in the said Complaint are fully proved And that he is a Scandal to his Function And do therefore recommend it to Mr Commissary as a Matter of Ecclesiastical

[51]Corresponding entries in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [72], indicate that the Council was first of the opinion that the courthouse should be placed at Brent Town, Hoomes's, Tacquets Ford, Watkins, or Waters "as the Govern^{r} shall appoint on viewing the plan"; but that on October 22, the same members being present, the matter was referred to the persons mentioned for a recommendation.

Jurisdiccon to Deprive the said Blewit & turn him out of his parish And desire the Governor will be pleased to recommend another in his Room.

The Honble William Bird Esqr acquainted the Board that the Governor designed to appoint Ralph Wormeley Esqr Naval Officer of York District & he was approved on by the Council[52]

At a Council held at the Capitol Octr 29th 1742.

Present

William Bird	John Custis
Cole Digges	Philip Lightfoot
John Robinson	Thomas Lee Esq^{rs}
John Grymes	

The Account of Contingent Charges And for repairs of the Governors House being laid before the Board was allowed

The Persons hereafter named were appointed Inspectors at the Publick Warehouses Viz^{t}

Cherrystones & Hungars..... Thomas Cowdry[53]
Urbanna..... Christopher Curtis[54]

At a Council held at the Governors House November 4th 1742.

Present
The Governor

William Bird	William Dandridge
Cole Digges	John Custis
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot
John Grymes	Thomas Lee Esq^{rs}

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of two shillings per Hh^{d} Port Duties & Head Money were this Day signed by the Governor.

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[52]*Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [72], gives this entry under October 25, thus indicating that the meeting was continued to that date.

[53]The corresponding entry in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [73], adds "in the room of Wm Elligood who has resigned."

[54]The corresponding entry in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [73], adds "in the room of Jo^{n} Wortham who has resigned."

For half a years Sallary to the Governor	£1000..—..—
For half a years Salary to the Council	300..—..—
To the Judges & other Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer	100..—..—
For half a years Salary to the Auditor of the Plantacons	50..—..—
For half a years Salary to the Soll[r] of Virg[a] Affairs	50..—..—
For half a years Salary to the Attorney General	35..—..—
For half a years Salary to the Clerke of the Council	50..—..—
To the Ministers attending the General Assembly	18..—..—
For half a years Salary to the Armourer	6..—..—
For half a years Salary to the Gunners of the Batteries	23..10..—
For Repairs done to the Governors House	89.. 7.. 8
For Contingent Charges	247..14.. 5
For half a years Salary to the Adjutant	75..—..—

On the Revenue of Quit Rents

For half a years Salary to M[r] Commissary	50..—..—
For half a years Salary to the Attorney Gen[l]	35..—..—[55]

Upon Reading the Petition of diverse of the Inhabitants of the County of Louisa desiring that a Court House may be Erected on the Lands of Matthew Jouet on Beaver Creek and upon reading severall Letters relating thereto It is the Opinion of this Board that the Justices for the said County shall meet and hold Courts at Jouets for the space of six Months And if they cannot in that time agree upon a proper Place that this Board will then take it under their further Consideracon.

The Governor proposing to the Consideracon of the Board the great Scarcity of Indian Corn It is Ordered that a Proclamation[56] issue to prohibit the Exportation thereof from this Day until the last Day of April next And that the Naval Officers have Notice of it.

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[55]Following this table in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [74], there is the following entry which does not occur in the journal: "The Governor Communicated to the Board a lre [*i. e.* letter] from M[r] Oglethorp Dat 12th Oct 1742. purporting &c[a]." (This abbreviation for letter, as used here and elsewhere, seems to be written with an initial "l" crossed as a "t", and is rendered as "lre")

[56]See p. 479. This order in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [74], does not refer to a proclamation but states "And publick Notice to be given in the Gazett."

Ordered

That a Proclamation do Issue for the further Proroguing the General Assembly till the first Thursday in May next.

Upon Reading the Petition of the parish of Albemarle in the County of Surry praying to be heard in relation to the Scituation of the Place proposed for the building of a New Church in the said parish It is Ordered that the Matter of the said Petition be heard the second day in the next General Court.

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace do Issue for the County of Westmorland and that the following Persons be added Viz^{t} Nicholas Minor John Elliot Junr William Berryman Edward Randsall John Martin James Bankhead & John Sorrel And that one half of the Justices & one more be of the Quorum

Ordered

That a Commission of the Peace do Issue for Prince William County And that the following Persons be appointed Viz^{t} Thomas Harrison Robert Jones Thomas Harrison Junr Joseph Hudnal Richard Blackburn Benjamin Grayson John Disken Valentine Peyton John Wright John Grant William Triplet Joseph Blackwell William Blackwell & Samuel Earle Quorum Thomas Stribling Anthony Seal Charles Ewell Howson Kennon John Grayham George Foot John Frogg Bertrand Ewell John Crump William Butler Moses Linton Timothy Thornton & Benjamin Bullet.

Ordered

That a Comission of the Peace issue for the County of Fairfax And that the following Persons be appointed Viz^{t} William Fairfax John Colvil Richard Osborn Jeremiah Brenaugh Lewis Elzey William Pain Thomas Pearson & John Minor Quor William Henry Terret John Gregg Gerrard Alexander Edward Bany Daniel Jenings & Thomas Arburthnot.

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Prince George And that the following Persons be added Viz^{t} Theo-

dorick Bland Peter Jones Anthony Haynes Hugh Meller & Samuel Gordon Gent And that one half of the Justices & one more be of the Quorum.

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Essex & that the following Persons be added Viz^{t} John Corbin Esqr Paul Scott Francis Waring Daniel Gains John Rowzee Samuel Hipkins Simon Meller Henry Young & Rice Jones & that one half of the Justices & one more be of the Quorum

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Louisa and that the following Persons be added Viz^{t} Robert Harris John Carr Joseph Beckley Joseph Fox John Stark Joseph Skelton & John Poindexter & that one half of the Justices & one more be of the Quorum

Ordered

That Joseph Bickley be appointed Sherif for the County of Louisa

Ordered

That a Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Hanover & that the following Persons be appointed Viz^{t} William Meriwether James Overton John Chiswell James Skelton John Henry Michael Holland John Snelson John Bickerton Thomas Tullock William Winston Essex[57] Silvester Morris William Dabney & Matthew Jouett Gent and that one half of the Justices & one more be of the Quorum.

Ordered

That a Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Richmond and that the following Persons be added Viz^{t} John Tayloe Junr Esqr and Quorum Travers Tarpley John Tarpley Thomas

[57]*Cf.* Essex William Winston on pp. 318, 391. It appears that "Essex" was used to distinguish William Winston, formerly of Essex County, from others of the same name in Hanover County.

Plummer William Beale Morice Fantleroy Alvin Montjoy and Nicholas Flood Gent.

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Lancaster and that Nicholas Martin & Henry Lawson who have refused to act be left out of the said Commission & that Abraham Currell & Thomas Pinckard be added in their Room.

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace issue for Orange County and that the following Persons be added Viz[t] Richard Thomas Joseph Thomas Goodrich Lightfoot Philip Clayton James Pendleton Thomas Chester Andrew Cambell & David Vaunce[58] Gent and that one half of the Justices & one more be of the Quorum.

Upon Reading the humble Petition of John Jackson setting forth That he had been Convicted of Felony at the General Court And thereby forfeited all his Effects to his Majesty which consisted only of a small Shallop whereby he maintained his wife & Family & Praying that the said forfeiture might be remitted Upon Consideracon of the matter the Board having Compassion for his poor distrest Family have thought fit to grant his Petition And it is Ordered that he be restored to the possession of his Shallop which thereby became forfeited.

The following Petitions for Land were Read & Granted

To John Hampton Five hundred acres in Orange County on the South Branch of Potomack beginning at the lower end of the Rough Mountain & running down the South side of the River to Patrick Cogans Land.

To Edward Good to have an Inclusive Patent to join two Surveys made for him in Henrico County of four hundred acres each To two hundred & fifty Acres on which he now lives.

To James Barron twelve hundred acres in Brunswick on both sides Stony Creek bounded by John Garrots William Atkins and Edward Pettyways Lands

To Henry Deckson one thousand acres in Prince George County on the Southside of Sappony Creek including two hundred and fifty acres for which he has already made an Entry with the Surveyor &

[58]This may be Vannce.

Seventy five acres whereon he now lives & the rest to be made up out of the adjacent uncultivated Lands.

To Thomas Patterson four hundred acres in Goochl[d] County adjoyning twelve hundred acres already surveyed for himself & Charles Patterson and to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To George Carrington four hundred acres in Goochland County adjoyning Eighteen hundred acres already surveyed for himself & to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Benjamin Branch to join four hundred acres purchased by him of John Warsham to six hundred twenty three acres in Henrico County granted by Patent to the said Branch and to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To William Randolph John Harmer & Walter King to have an Inclusive Patent for Twenty thousand acres already granted to them and Twelve thousand acres purchased by them of Isham Randolph to whom a Grant of the said Twelve thousand acres has been already made the whole lying in Goochland County.

To Aaron Haskins Two thousand acres lying on Deep Creek up to the Branches of Skin Quarter in Henrico County.

To Richard Woodson to have an Inclusive Patent for two Surveys made for him of four hundred acres each lying on the head of Angola Creek in Gooch[l]and County.

To Abraham Martin one thousand six hundred acres lying upon the first Creek in little Roanoak in Brunswick County beginning at James Baras's Line running up the said Creek.

To Thomas Pucket & William Pucket & Douglas Pucket five hundred acres in Henrico County on third Branch.

To William Robertson two hundred & fifty acres in Henrico County adjoyning four hundred acres granted to the said Robertson by Patent bearing date the 17th March 1736 And to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To John Henry One thousand acres adjoyning to one thousand acres purchased by the said Henry of James Churchhill on Tye River in Goochland County extending toward the said Tye River thoroughfare And to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Robert Bolling two thousand acres of Land on the heads of Sappony Creek & Rockey Run adjoyning to his own Land and to have an Inclusive Patent in Prince George County

To Matthew Parham one thousand acres of Land lying on the Southside of Nottoway River in the County of Surry adjoyning to

three hundred acres of his own Land and to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Thomas Williams two thousand five hundred acres of Land lying on both sides of Hackers Run in Prince George County And adjoyning to the Lands of Elias Clarke.

To John Poythress Six hundred & fifty acres of Land lying on the Northside of Tommaheton Swamp in Prince George County

To William Yarborough two thousand acres of Land lying on both sides of little Nottoway River in Amelia County beginning at a branch a little below Peter Jones's line thence down on both sides the said River.

To Alexander Trent three thousand acres of Land lying in Goochland County Beginning at a Corner Tree between Samuel Allen & Alexander Trents Lines on the Southside of Willis's Creek.

To Richard Carter three hundred acres of Land lying on the Southside of Sappony Creek in the County of Surry between the County Line & Ralph Rachels Line Richard Husons & Thomas Hunts adjoyning to six hundred acres of the Petitioners And to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To William Sallee four hundred acres of Land adjacent to eight hundred acres already surveyed on Joshua's Creek And to Benjamin Witt in Goochland County And to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To William Walton four hundred acres of Land lying on the Branches of Waltons Fork off Slate River adjacent to Six hundred & twenty acres already survey'd for him & Samuel Glover And to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole in Goochland.

To Wentworth Webb eight hundred acres of Land lying on both sides of Glovers Road between his own lines & those of Joseph Dabbs Hugh Moore William Phelps & others in the County of Goochland.

To William Mayo one thousand acres of Land adjoyning to twelve hundred acres of Patented Land lying on the Fluvanna above Buffalo Island in Goochland County.

That Nowell Burton & Hutchins Burton have leave to renew an Order of Council formerly granted to them for one thousand six hundred Acres of Land adjoyning to the Lines of Diggs & Carey on the South side of Willis's Creek.

To Peter Woodlief five hundred acres of Land on the upperside of Cooks Branch & Butterworth Swamp in Prince George County adjoyning to the Petitioners Land And to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

Ordered That Lewis Elzey be appointed Sherif for the County of Fairfax

At a Council held at ye Governors House December 15th 1742.

Present
The Governor

William Bird	William Dandridge
John Robinson	John Custis &
John Grymes	Thomas Lee Esq^{rs}

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Hanover And that the same Persons be appointed Justices as in the last Commission but to be placed in the same Order as they were in the Commissions preceding the last, And John Smith and Thomas Booth to be added Smith to be put into his former place and Matt Jouet to be left out.

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of New Kent and that John Darrocoat William Massie & Robert Penington be added and that Richard Richardson William Mackein & John Bacon (being dead) be left out.

The Governor communicated to the Board the Memorial of Colonel Edwin Conway Representing that John Kent one of the Inspectors at Indian Creek Warehouse in the County of Northumberland did pass several Hogsheads of Tobacco for Col. Philip Smith when George Oldham the other Inspector was absent Upon Consideration of the premisses the Board are of Opinion that this Complaint does not come properly before them upon Mr Conways Memorial but that if the said Kent has been guilty of a Breach of his Duty he ought to be prosecuted against as in the usual form And that Witnesses should be examined & Depositions taken as usual in the like Cases before the Board can take any Cognizance of this Matter.

Upon Reading a Letter from Col William Beverley to the Honble John Grymes Esqr dated December 7th 1742 Purporting That Whereas he has a Patent for Point Comfort and the Government having thought fit to build a Fort & other Buildings there without giving him any thing

for his Land He thinks he has an undisputed right to them all; but as he designs to sell the Land & would avoid Law Suits, hopes the Government will be pleased to buy the whole Island of him And as he apprehends he may recover the Fort & Buildings, that they will not Scruple to give him One hundred & twenty pounds Sterling for the whole there being One hundred & twenty acres more or less The Board taking this Matter into Consideration it being a Matter of Law

Ordered

That it be referred to Mr Attorney General to enquire into the whole State of this Affair And to Report the same with his Opinion thereupon to this Board.

On the Motion of the Officers of his Majesty's Revenue they are impowered to sign Rights to the value of five hundred pounds And the Receiver General is to issue them as usual

By an Order of Council held at the Capitol Octr 22^{d}, 1742 It was referred to Col Henry Fitzhugh Col Willm Fairfax and Col John Colvil to view the several places proposed for fixing the Courthouse of Prince William County And to Report to the Governor which they thought the most Convenient for that purpose In Obedience to which Order they met at the Iron Mines at Niapsco and having heard all Parties & Evidences are of opinion that Philemon Waters's Plantacon is the most Convenient place to fix the Courthouse for the s^{d} County And have accordingly given the same under their hands dated 23^{d} Novr 1742 Which being approved on by the Board It is Ordered That the Courthouse for the County of Prince William be Erected at the Plantation of Philemon Waters accordingly.

Ordered

That John Champ & Jonathan Sydnaham be appointed Coroners for King George County

The Governor was pleased to lay before the Board a Letter from the Admiralty Office dated 14th August 1742 Purporting that the Captains of his Majesty's Ships Stationed in Virginia have made frequent Complaints to the Lords of the Admiralty that their Seamen desert from them in great Numbers being tempted thereto by the high wages given in the Merchants Service to the great prejudice & disservice of the Colony itself whereby his Majestys Ships are so disabled & weakened as not to be in a Condition to defend

their Coasts & Trade from the Insults of the Enemy And desiring the Governor will make use of his Authority & do every thing in his Power to discountenance such Practices It is therefore ordered That a Proclamacon do forthwith Issue to Enjoin & Require all Justices of the Peace & other Officers & Persons to use their utmost diligence to Detect & apprehend all such Seamen as are suspected to have deserted from any of his Majesty's Ships or other Vessels & to Convey them from Constable to Constable till they be delivered into the Custody of the Officers of some of his Majesty's Ships And to put in Execucon the Laws relating to the apprehending of Runaway Seamen And that no Ferryman shall suffer any Sailor by his Permission to pass over any River or Travel thro' this Colony without a proper Certificate under the hand & seal of the Master of the Vessel to which he belongs as they will Answer it at their Peril

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace do Issue for the County of Charles City & that Lewellin Eppes Junr John Hardyman John Edloe Junr & John Edloe on the River side be added to the said Commission One half of the Justices & one more to be of the Quorum[59]

Upon Reading the Petition of Alexander Spalding John Lidderdale & John Hutchins Merchants Setting forth that the Petitioners have bought a Considerable Quantity of Indian Corn in North Carolina & as the Navigation of that place is both difficult & dangerous for Vessels of Burthen Pray that they may be permitted to send such smaller Vessels as are fit to go over the Barr and that they may have the Indulgence of Exporting the same Indian Corn so by them Imported into this Colony from Carolina in such Vessels as they shall have occasion to Charter for that purpose The Board taking the matter into Consideracon are of opinion it is reasonable the Petitioners should have Liberty to fetch the Corn they have purchased in North Carolina in the manner by them desired & that they shall also have liberty to Export the same on Condition that it be first brought on Shore & lodged in Some

[59]Following the order in regard to this commission in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [76], there is the following which does not occur in the journal: "Upon reading the petition of Seth Harvey & Robert Robertson Ordered that the petition be rejected."

Storehouse either at Hampton or Norfolk in the lower District of James River But before such landing the Naval Officer of that District is to have proper Notice from the Master of the Vessel importing the same to the end that he may take an Account of the Quantity & have sufficient proof that the said Indian Corn was actually & bona fide purchased in North Carolina & Imported by the Petitioners And they are also to enter into Bond in the penalty of five hundred pounds not to export any Indian Corn but what has been purchased & imported by them as aforesaid during the Continuance of the Prohibition.

The following Petitions for Land were read & granted

To Roger Williams John Brumfeild & Vincent Lacy Two thousand acres of Land lying in Goochland County beginning at Colonel Richard Randolphs lower Line of the Clover Forrest on a branch of Willis's Creek thence across the Ridge to the branches of Dry Creek on Appomattox.

To George Holloway one thousand acres of Land in Brunswick County beginning at a white Oak markt GK in the fork of the reedy branch & the Church run so along that run as far as Mitchells Line then over & on both sides also up the Reedy branch then across the Neck to compleat the Quantity.

To John Bolling Junr two thousand acres of Land in Prince George County lying on Buckskin Creek & to have an Inclusive Patent for this Entry & his Survey'd Lands.

To William Randolph Lunsford Lomax John Harmer & Walter King five thousand acres of Land in Goochland County on the branches of Buffalo & Tye Rivers on the South side of Tye River over against Mill Creek in one Survey.

To David Walker three thousand acres of Land in Prince George County lying on Buckskin Creek and Trading Branch & to have an Inclusive Patent for this Entry and his Surveyed Lands.

To the Honble Philip Lightfoot Esqr four thousand seven hundred & sixteen acres of Land lying Contiguous in Brunswick County formerly purchased by the Petitioner of Colonel Nathaniel Harrison & contained in three Patents to have one Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To John Bolling one thousand acres of Land in Goochland County lying on Willis's Creek adjoyning to the Petitioners Land on the same Creek & to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To John Bolling five hundred acres of Land lying in Brunswick County adjoyning to his own Land on Roanoak River And to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Edward Mackgehoe four thousand acres of Land in Amelia County lying between Rush & Briery Rivers beginning at Charles Cotterels Line on the Branches of Briery River.

To John Coles Walter Coles James Young Anthony Winston & William Fugua twenty thousand acres of Land lying on the Dan in Brunswick County beginning at the Peach Orchard at the upper Sorrow Town with the Islands in the River so up & down the River on both sides in one Survey.

Daniel Pegram having entered a Caveat against Abraham Micheau of Brunswick County for four hundred acres of Land in Brunswick on Nottoway River over against the Fork bounded by Thomas Jones's Line & crooked Run formerly called Green Creek the said Micheau having neglected to sue out a Patent in due time Upon hearing of the Matter the Parties both appearing It is Ordered that the said Micheau have a Patent for the said Land paying the Pl^t^ Fifty shillings Cost.

At a Council held at the Governors House Decr 31st 1742.

Present
The Governor

Mr Commissary Blair	William Dandridge
John Robinson	John Custis Esq^rs^
John Grymes	

The Governor was pleased to lay before the Board several Letters from Colonel James Patton of Augusta County, Giving an Account of a Body of Indians with some few white Men Supposed to be French appearing in an Hostile manner amongst them killing & carrying off their Horses &c, Whereupon Capt Buchannan & Capt M'Dowell mustered their people together & came up with them on the 18th Instant and sent a Man with a signal of Peace which man they killed on the Spot & fired on the white People which they returned & after an Engagement of about forty five Minuits the Indians fled leaving Eight or Ten of their Men dead having killed Capt M'Dowell & about seven or eight of our People & wounded several others He further adds that he hears of many Indians on

the Frontiers & desires Direccons & assistance with a Supply of arms and ammunition The Board taking this matter into Consideracon It is Ordered that an immediate Supply of Arms & Ammunition be sent to Col° Patton to be distributed by him amongst the people amongst the people [*sic*] of that County to enable them to defend themselves in Case the Indians should be so hardy as to make another Attempt upon them And that the Commanding Officers of the Countys of Orange and Fairfax have Notice to hold themselves in Readiness to March to their Assistance upon any Emergency or Apprehension of another Attack And as an Encouragement & for the Relief of such poor Widows & Family's as have been Sufferers by these Hostilities It is Ordered that the Receiver General do Issue the sum of Twenty Pistoles to be sent to Col° Patton to be distributed by him to such as he thinks proper Objects for that Charity And that some proper Medicines be also sent for the use of those Persons who have been wounded in this Skirmish And to prevent the like Attempts for the future The Board desire the Governor will be pleased to write to the Governor [of] New York representing this Affair to him that he may make an enquiry at the next meeting of the Indian Commissioners at Albany what Nation these Indians belong to & upon what pretence they have Committed these Hostilities & Depredations upon our People If they have any Demands upon us for Lands for which they pretend not to have received a Satisfaccon Let us know their Demand and upon Notice of the time and place appointed for the next meeting of the Indian Commissioners this Government will send Commissioners to meet & treat with them upon that Subject And are ready to make Satisfaccon for any reasonable Demand.

The following Petitions for Land were read & granted

To Joseph Mays an Island in Stanton River off Roanoake in the County of Brunswick containing about six or seven hundred acres commonly called long Island.

To Thomas Scott Eight hundred acres lying in Prince George County beginning at George White's Corner near Stony Creek adjoyning to the lines of Matthew Smart & others on one side and to the Petitioners own Lands on the other And to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To William Thompson two thousand acres in Prince George County beginning at Chamberlins Bed in Butlers Line thence up the Run a little way & over burnt Quarter & down the other side of the Run to Henry With's

At a Council held 29th March 1743.

Present
The Governor
Mr Commissary John Robinson
John Custis Esqrs

Upon Reading the fifth Instruccon to the Governor Reciting that altho' by his Commission it is directed that any three of the Councillors make a Quorum It is nevertheless his Majestys Will & Pleasure that he do not act with a Quorum of less than five Members unless upon Extraordinary Emergencies when a greater number cannot be had Which is the present Case And whereas upon Consideracon formerly had of the Scarcity of Indian Corn it was thought necessary to Prohibit the Exportation of the same until the last day of April next And whereas it has been since Represented to the Governor that there is no occasion to continue the said Prohibition so long The Governor proposed to the Consideracon of the Board Whether they thought convenient to take off the said Prohibition It is the Opinion of this Board that it will tend greatly to the benefit & advantage of this Colony to take off the said Prohibition And it is Ordered accordingly And that a Proclamation do forthwith Issue for that purpose

At a Council held at the Capitol April 16th 1743.[60]

Present
The Governor

William Bird	John Custis
Cole Digges	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot &
John Grymes	Thomas Lee Esqrs

[60]*Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [78], shows a meeting on April 15, 1743, the same members being present as on April 16. Of the business recorded, the final item in regard to the appointment of Robert Dinwiddie to the Council is set forth in the journal under the meeting of April 16. The other items, marked to show that they were "Not enter'd in ye Journal" are as follows:

The Governor was pleased to lay before the Board a lre from His Grace the Duke of Newcastle Dated Jan 24th 1742/3 purporting &ca. And Also a lre from Mr Courand Dat Whitehall Jan 24th 1742/3 purporting &ca

The Governor Communicated to the Board a letter from Geo: Thomas Esqr Govr of Pensilvania purporting &ca With an enclosed Deposition of one

The Governor laid before the Board his Majestys Sign Manuel dated the tenth day of July 1742 appointing the Honble Robert Dinwidie Esqr one of his Majesty's Council in Ordinary for this Colony.

Thomas Nelson Esqr being appointed Secretary of this Colony he this day in Council took the usual Oath of Office.

Upon Reading the Petition of diverse of the Inhabitants of the parish of Albemarle setting forth that one of their Churches is fallen to decay and it has been thought necessary to build a new one in the room of it & accordingly the Vestry have agreed with Workmen for building it on the old dividing Line which the Petitioners conceive to be very inconvenient for many of the Inhabitants of the lower part of the said parish And that there is scarce any Water and what there is very bad And pray that they may be heard to prove the Injustice and Inequity of the Scituation of the said New Church & that the Honble Board will take it into their Consideracon & relieve them in such manner as to them shall seem meet Whereupon & upon a full hearing of all Parties & Councel on their behalf and veiwing a Plan of the said County This Board are of Opinion that the Place appointed by the Vestry for Building the said Church is the most convenient place It is therefore Ordered

That the said Petition be Dismist.

At a Council held at the Capitol April 18th 1743.

Present
The Governor

William Bird	John Custis
Cole Digges	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot
John Grymes	Thomas Lee Esq^{rs}

Upon Reading this day at the Board the Petition of several of the Inhabitants Officers in the Militia in Augusta County Setting forth and Complaining of some hardships that they conceive they have met with under the Command of Col^{o} Patton & praying that he may be removed

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Thomas M^{c}kee. Setting forth an Account of the late Hostilitys Committed by the Indians on the white people &c^{a}

The Govern^{r} layd before the board a lre from Thos Bladen Esqr Govern^{r} of Maryland with a Copy of Severale lres enclosed from Tho: Cresap Giving an Account of the proceedings of the Indians &c^{a}

& some other Person appointed to Comand in his Stead Whereupon & upon a full hearing of the Petitioners and Colonel Pattons Defence It is the Opinion of this Board that Colonel Patton has done his Duty & that the said Complaints are frivolous & groundless.

It is therefore Ordered that the said Petition be Dismist.

At a Council held at the Capitol April 22d 1743.

Present
The Governor

William Bird	John Grymes
Cole Digges	John Custis &
John Robinson	Thomas Lee Esqrs

Ordered

That the General Assembly be further prorogued to the first Thursday in July next And that a Proclamation do forthwith Issue for that purpose.

At a Council held at the Capitol April 23d 1743.

Present
The Governor

William Bird	John Custis
Cole Digges	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot
John Grymes	Thomas Lee Esqrs

Upon reading this day at the Board the humble Petition of several of the Inhabitants of Frederick County Setting forth the great hardships they have laboured under for some time past by being obliged to attend Orange Court some having one hundred miles & none less than fifty to Travel thereto Which occasions great Difficulty & Delay in obtaining Justice & praying that this Honble Board will take their Case into Consideracon & Grant that the said County of Frederick may be divided may be divided [*sic*] from the County of Orange & imediately take place And the Board having Considered of the Allegations in the said Petition are of Opinion that in case there does not arise any Opposition from any other of the Inhabitants of the said County of

Frederick that the same shall take place in October next Which is Ordered accordingly And if no reasonable Objections appear the following Persons being recommended will be appointed Justices of the Peace for the said County when it takes place

Viz^{t}	Morgan Morgan Benjamin Burden James Wood Thomas Chester David Vane Andrew Campbel	Old ones
		Marquis Calmees Thos Rutherford Willm M'mathen[61] Lewis Neal John White Thos Little Meredith Helm George Hoge & Thos Swearingham

At a Council held at the Capitol April 30th 1743.

Present
The Governor

William Bird	John Custis
Cole Digges	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot &
John Grymes	Thomas Lee Esq^{rs}

The accounts of Contingent Charges & for Repairs of the Governors House being laid before the Board were allowed.

Upon reading the Memorial of Lawrence Washington Esqr Setting forth that he had bore his Majesty's Commission as a Captain of a Company of Foot in the late Expedition against the Spaniards in the West Indies in the American Regiment which is broke By which the Memorialist has been a great Sufferer And the Post of Adjutant General of this Colony being vacant by the death of Colonel Isham Randolph The Governor was pleased to appoint the said Lawrence Washington Adjutant General in his Stead being a Person well Qualified for that Office.

[61]This surname seems to be spelled M'machon in the corresponding list in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [80]

At a Council held at the Capitol May 3d 1743.

Present
The Governor

William Bird	John Custis
Cole Digges	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot
John Grymes	Thomas Lee Esqrs

Ordered

That the Receiver General be allowed for this year the usual allowance of five & five Eights per Cent to Enable him to remit his Majesty's Quit Rent Mony to London

The Board having this Day taken into Consideracon the Petition of the Inhabitants of Louisa County in relacon to appointing a proper place for Erecting a Court house for the said County And upon a full hearing of all Parties And Counsel on their behalf And upon perusing the Plan of the said County Are of Opinion that Matthew Jouets Land being the place agreed on by the Majority of the Justices at a Meeting at the said County Court is the most convenient place And it is Ordered That the Court house be erected there accordingly.

At a Council held at the Capitol May 4th 1742 [*i. e.* 1743].[62]

Present
The Governor

William Bird	John Custis
Cole Digges	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot &
John Grymes	Thomas Lee Esqrs

On hearing this Day at the Board the Petition & Complaint of the Vestry & Inhabitants of Charles Parish in York County against

[62]Following the list of members present at this meeting, there is the following entry in the *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [81], which does not occur in the journal: "Upon reading the petition of Benjamin Borden gent & others Inhabitants of Lands granted to him by Patent in that part of Orange County called Augusta, representing the hardships they Suffer and praying that the Govr will represent their Case to His Majesty to have their Quit Rents remitted "till such time as their Dangers shall cease."

the Reverend Mr Theodosius Stage their Minister for neglect of his Duty. And in particular refusing to Christen a Child (tho born in Wedlock) Upon a Supposition of its being a Bastard and opposing the Singing the New Version of Psalms And praying that the said Mr Stage may be removed from the said Parish Upon hearing the several Parties & the Defence of Mr Stage It appears to this Board that he has been guilty of the several Misdemeanors charged against him And it is therefore Ordered that (unless he Complys with the Vestry & his Parishioners allowing them to sing the New Version of Psalms And in all other respects performs the Duties relating to his Function And by his future good Conduct & Behaviour reconciles himself to his Parishioners) he be removed from the said Parish But that he may not by the said Removal suffer any Distress or Hardship He is to be allowed from this time Six Months to provide himself another Parish.

At a Council held at the Capitol May 6th 1743.

Present
The Governor

William Bird	John Custis
Cole Digges	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot &
John Grymes	Thomas Lee Esqrs

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of 2/ per Hhd Post [*i. e.* port] Duties & head Money were signed by the Governor in Council Vizt

For half a years Salary to the Governor.....	£1000..—..—
For half a years Salary to the Council.....	300..—..—
To the Judges & other Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer.....	100..—..—
For half a years Salary to the Auditor of the Plantations.....	50..—..—
For half a years Salary to the Sollicitor of Virginia Affairs.....	50..—..—
For half a years Salary to the Attorney General....	35..—..—
For half a years Salary to the Clerk of the Council.	50..—..—
To the Ministers attending one General Court.....	6..—..—

For half a years Salary to the Armourer.....	6..—..—
For half a years Salary to the Gunners of the Batteries	23..10..—
For Repairs done to the Governors house.....	48..14..11
Warrent for Contingent Charges.....	£ 406...1..10

On the Revenue of Quitrents

For half a years Salary to the Commissary.....	50..—..—
For half a years Salary to the Attorney General....	35..—..—

The Governor laid before the Board a Letter from George Thomas Esqr Governor of Pensilvania dated April 25th 1743 And the Report of Conrade Weiser the Indian Interpreter of his Journeys to Shamokin on the Affairs of Virginia & Maryland delivered to the Governor in Council the 21st day of April 1743 Which were severally [read] Purporting the Measures that have been taken by the Mediation of the Governor of Pensilvania in order to come to an Agreement with the six Nations about the Land claimed by them Which our People are settled upon & to make up the matter of the late unhappy Skirmish between some of our Inhabitants on the Frontiers & the said Indians in an amicable way And as it appears by the Answer of the six Nations in what relates to Virginia that they are willing to come to an amicable Accommodation with the Governor of Virginia and propose to treat with him next Spring at Canataquany (a place near Harris's Ferry on Susquehanna) & are willing to make a reasonable Satisfaction for the Lands claimed by them This Honble Board having taken this matter under their Consideration & being desirous to preserve Peace & Amity with the said Indians & to prevent the further Effusion of Blood are of Opinion that it will be necessary to that end that the Governor of Virginia will be pleased to write to the Governor of Pensilvania desiring the continuance of his mediation & good Offices & that he will send to Albany to let the Indians know that we are ready & desirous to send Commissioners to meet and treat with them at the time & place proposed the next Spring And in the mean time to make them a present of one hundred pounds Sterling in Token of our Friendship & effectually to put a Stop to all further Hostilities & likewise that a Gratuity of Twenty pounds Sterling be given to Mr Conrade Weiser the Indian Interpreter for his trouble in this Affair Which is Ordered accordingly.

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Spotsylvania & that the following Persons be added Viz^{t} William Waller Moseley Battaley William Carr John Thornton & Thomas Turner Junr Gentl.[63]

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace do Issue for the County of Caroline & that the following Persons be added Viz^{t} Thomas Buckner Thomas Johnson Rice Curtis James Taylor John Maddisson & Thomas Wild Gentlemen.

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Glocester & that the following Persons be added Viz^{t} Man Page Esqr un[?] Quoru[?] Beverley Randolph Esqr Francis Willis Junr Warner Lewis & Mordeica Booth Gentl.

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace for the County of Middlx [*i. e.* Middlesex] and that the following Persons be added Viz^{t} Philip Grymes Esqr un[?] Quoru[?] & Beverley Stannard Gent.

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Brunswick and that Matthew Talbot be added.

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for New Kent County and that William Gray Gent be added.

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for Orange County and that George Robinson & Peter Shall[64] Gentl be added.

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[63]The corresponding commission in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [83], shows also the name John Waller.

[64]The corresponding commission in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [83], gives this name as Peter Shull.

The Governor was pleased to appoint the following to be Coroners Viz[t]

For Louisa County, Robert Lewis Richard Johnson & Charles Barret Gentl.

For King George County, John Champ & Jonathan Sydnaham

For King William County, [. . .][65] Quarls Gent.

For York County, Thomas Cobb & Edmund Smith Gentl.

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace do Issue for the County of Fairfax And that the following Persons be added Viz[t] Jeremiah Brenaugh[66] to be placed above Richard Osborn Strike out Edward Baney & put in Barry in his place Stephen Lewis Daniel French Jun[r] Townshend Dade & Amos Sinclair

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County do [*i. e.* of] Westmorland & that Daniel M'Carty be added & put in his former Place next to William Aylet Gent

The following Petitions for Land were read & granted

To John Robinson Two thousand acres in Brunswick County lying on both sides of Cow Creek including two Surveys formerly made by Christopher Hardwick the one containing 187 Acres patented to the said Hardwick and the other about 160 purchased by the Petitioner and to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Drury Stith four thousand acres in Brunswick County including the heads of the branches of Jones's Creek & Towns's branch adjoining to Richard Randolph's Line.

To Michael Makee twelve hundred acres in Brunswick County lying on the Napp of Reeds Creek adjoyning Colonel Embrys Line thence down both sides the said Creek

To Griffin Stith one thousand Acres in Brunswick County adjoyning to Matthew Talbots Line & the Poplar branch near the Mouth of falling River.

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[65]Blank in original. *Cf.* an order on p. 164 appointing James Quarles one of the coroners for King William County.

[66]In the corresponding commission in *Coun. Ex. Min. Bk., 1738-43,* p. [83], this surname seems to be Bronaugh.

To Richard & John Austin two thousand acres in Brunswick County on the branches of Wards Fork & Perrys Run including the Lands of the said John & Richard in one Patent.

To John Jones fifteen hundred acres of Land in Prince George County between his own William Jones's John Edwards's & Tabbs Lines on the great Creek.

To Thomas Davenport eight hundred acres in Goochland County adjoyning to eight hundred & fifty acres already Patented to the Petitioner lying upon the branches of Poutare Wallet[67] and little Guinea & to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Richard Kennon & John Caldwell four thousand Acres in Brunswick County lying on Sandy Creek upon the South branch of Roanoak River.

To Abraham Cowley one thousand acres in Goochland County lying on the Northside of Willis's Mountains beginning at a white Oak & running a North West Course to the end.

To Richard Haynes five hundred & fifty acres of Land formerly Survey'd in Two Surveys for the Petitioners Father & one hundred & fifty one Acres granted by Patent to Robert Moody & one hundred & three acres granted to Christopher Robertson & formerly purchased of him by the Pt^ts^ Father making in the whole eight hundred and four acres lying Contiguous on the Southside of white Oak Swamp in Prince George County And to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

To John Payne three thousand acres of Land in the Fork of James River in Goochland County beginning at the Fork branches of Cooks Creek thence to the back line of the Land formerly Dudley Digges's thence to the back Line of Capt Benjamin Cocks land so far as to make up the Compliment

To Samuel Harwood two thousand acres lying in Brunswick County on Cocks Creek a branch of Allens Creek beginning at a Wolf Pit adjoyning to the Land of Hubbard Farres from thence Easterly over some branches commonly called the Churches Branches & from thence N^o^ & N^o^ West to the Land of Lewis Delony

To Thomas Walker one thousand acres in Goochland County beginning at a black oak Markt T near the head of the South Fork of Horseley Creek running down the Creek to make up the Quantity.

To Humphry Evans about Seven hundred acres lying in Prince George County adjoining to Six hundred acres already survey'd for

[67]This was evidently the creek now known as Tearwallet. The name has appeared also as Tare Wallet, Tar-Wallet, etc.

Cornelius Fox And made over to the Petitioner beginning at Jacob Jones's Line & running down to the Lines of Joseph Tucker Edward Wingfeild & others & to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Peter King one hundred acres in Brunswick County on the North side of Staunton River on Buffalo Creek adjoining to four hundred & three acres already Patented to the Petitioner and to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To William Cabell Richard Reik & John Mims one thousand six hundred acres in Goochland County beginning on Sam^{ll} Birk Jun^{rs} Line on the Southside of Tye River to include the branches of Tye & Buffalo Rivers in one Survey.

To William Cabell Senr Joseph Cabell John Cabell & William Hopkins Six thousand acres in Goochland County on the branches of black Water Creek & bounded on Nicholas Davis's Land & to extend thence towards Otter River in one Survey.

To Arthur Hopkins one thousand acres in Goochland County on the branches of Totears Creek[68] adjoining to two Surveys & one entry by him already made And one Survey purchased of Arthur Tully and to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To William Cabell twelve hundred acres in Goochland on both sides Fluvanna River adjoyning to his Patent for four thousand eight hundred acres And to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To William Watson eight hundred acres in Amelia County lying on both sides Deep Creek between Moor's Hudson's Tunstals & the Petitioners own Lines And to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Thomas Jones fifteen hundred acres in Amelia County lying on the Northside Mammusin[69] Creek between the Lines of Watson Munford Baulden & Hinton.

To Thomas Williams one thousand acres in Brunswick County lying on each side the Sturgeon run & adjoyning to five hundred & twenty one acres already Patented to the Petitioner and to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Thomas Williams one thousand acres in Brunswick County on both sides Wakeway adjoyning to the Line of John Wall & his

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[68]Evidently the present Totier Creek. The name or location appears also as Toteer, Totter, Toten, Totere.

[69]Probably Namozine which has been variously spelled. *Cf.* record of similar grant on Namusins Creek, p. 144, and on Ramusin Creek, p. 146.

own Lines including one hundred & twenty one acres already surveyed and to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To William Winston Junr & William Burrus five thousand acres in Brunswick County on the South side of Hazard branch beginning at a red Oake on the said branch being a branch of Stocken River.

To Thomas Basset twelve hundred acres in Goochland County lying between the Petitioners own Lines Col^{o} Makins & David Bells and to have an Inclusive Patent.

To Thomas Basset eight hundred acres in Goochland on the branches of Willis's Creek lying between Paul Micheaux & Col^{o} Mayo's Land

To Thomas Basset six hundred acres in Goochland upon Angola Creek lying between Col^{o} Meakins John Francis's and David Bell's Lines.

To Wood Jones two thousand acres in Amelia County on Turkey branch a branch of Cubb Creek beginning at a Markt Oak & running up & down both sides the said Creek & Branch.

To Wood Jones two thousand acres in Prince George County adjoining the Lands of Hugh Reece Joseph Nobles Hugh Case and William Williams.

To William Williams one thousand five hundred & fifty Acres in Brunswick County on both sides the great Branch of Stony Creek.

To William Arrington & William Usry two thousand four hundred acres in Brunswick County beginning at the second Fork of Butterwood Swamp being a branch of Cubb Creek on the East side thence up the said Swamp on both sides.

To Matthew Talbot six thousand acres in Brunswick County on falling River & on the branches thereof including the great Lick.

To James Turner fifteen hundred acres in Brunswick Co on both sides of Maherin River adjoyning to his own Land And to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Drury Stith fifteen hundred acres in Brunswick County on the upper side of Miles's Creek adjoyning to his own Plantation And to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole

To Theophilus Feilds one thousand acres in Prince George County lying between & adjoyning the Lands of James Keith David Walker Burrows & Hawkins adjoyning to some other Lands of the Petitioners purchased of John Levit And to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Thomas Anderson Obediah Woodson Charles Anderson Senr & Charles Anderson Junr three thousand acres lying in Goochland County beginning on the branches of Appota[...][70] on John Dabbs lower Line then up the ridge taking in the branches of Willis's Creek.

To Edmund Gray one thousand acres in Goochland County on the North side of Willis's River adjoyning the Lands of Nowell Burton Henry Carey & William Gray, to be included in a Patent granted to Joseph Dabbs & Thomas Walker for two thousand five hundred acres which was Conveyed by Walker to Dabbs & from Dabbs to the Petitioner And also eight hundred acres lately surveyed for the said Gray included in the said Patent both Parcels of Land adjoyning to the above menconed patented Lands.

To John Christian & James Christian five thousand acres of Land in Goochland County lying on the North side of James River beginning at a white Oak Markt J[71] C on Hukers Creek.

To Thomas Bassett & Nathaniel Basset five thousand acres in Goochland County lying on Southside of James River beginning below the thee [*sic*] Forks of Rack Island Creek And running up the said Creek & Branches.

At a Council held at the Capitol June 16th 1743

Present
The Governor

William Bird	John Custis
John Robinson	and
John Grymes	Thomas Lee Esq^{rs}

The Governor was pleased to Communicate to the Board a Letter from George Clerke Esqr Governor of New York dated May the 2^{d} 1743 Whereby he acknowledges the Receipt of a Letter from his Honor the Governor of Virginia Dated 3^{d} Jan^{ry} last In relation to the late unhappy Skirmish between the Indians & some of our frontier Inhabitants In pursuance whereof he Ordered the Interpreter to go to the Suchims [*sic*] of the Six Nations with proper Instructions what

[70]Blank in original. Probably intended for Appomattox. Goochland County at that time extended south of James River.

[71]This character is written like the letter "I" bisected by a short horizontal line, and is probably intended as "J"; and "JC" probably stands for John and (or) James Christian.

to do in this Affair & to procure an Answer from them And promising that as soon as the Interpreter returns he will acquaint the Governor with the Negotiation Hoping that matters may be so managed as to heal the breach in the Covenant Chain (as its call'd) With a further Assurance that he will do all that is in his Power to make the Sachims sensible of their treacherous Hostilities and endeavour to restore Peace and Friendship between Us.

The Governor was pleased to appoint the Persons hereinafter named to be Sherifs of the following Counties
Viz[t] for

Orange	William Russel
Amelia	Abraham Green
York	Arthur Dickinson
Warwick	William Dudley
Norfolk	Josias Smith
Caroline	John Taylor
Surry	Benj[a] Harrison
Fairfax	William Payne
Princess Anne	Thomas Walk
Brunswick	Nicholas Lanier
Henrico	Beverley Randolph
Goochland	George Carrington
James City	Robert Goodrich
Northumberland	George Ball
Prince George	Theophilus Feild
Northampton	Peter Bowdoin
Prince William	John Grant
Accomack	John Starburgh
New Kent	John Doran
Westmorland	Samuel Oldham
Stafford	Richard Foot
Charles City	Samuel Harwood
Spotsylvania	John Minor
Middlesex	Henry Whiting

The following Persons were appointed Inspectors

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Aylets	John Gibson
Williams's	J[n] Powers & Willeroy

Ordered

That a Proclamation Issue to Prorogue the Assembly to the first Thursday in October next

On reading the Petition of Richard Kennon & William Kennon Junr praying an Order for passing a Patent for Thirty one thousand seven hundred acres on the Consideracon of importing & Seating a Family for every Thousand Acres agreeably to an Order obtained of this Board in 1738

Ordered that the Consideration of the said Petition be referred to the next General Court that the Petitioners may make proof of the Allegations of the said Petition.

The following Petitions for Land were read & granted.

To Clement Read & Matthew Talbot Ten thousand Acres in Brunswick County beginning at a small Mountain between Staunton River & Pigg River running down between the said Rivers.

To Joseph Massey two thousand acres in Brunswick lying on the Forks of Cattaile Creek adjoyning to his own Lines And to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To William Eckols One thousand two hundred acres in Amelia lying upon the branches of Tailors Creek between Crawfords Jayrils & Smith Lines.

To James Maxwell Four thousand acres lying on the Northside of Sherando River in the County of Orange & bounded on the Land of Matthew Shotcher & extending on the said River to the Picket Mountains provided it is not within the controverted Bounds.

Theophilus Feild having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to John Dunkley for about three hundred acres of Land lying on the Southside of Nottoway River in Brunswick County between the Lines of Richard Birch Richard Vaughan Junr Moses Dunkley & Peter Mitchell & it appearing by the Return of the Sherif of Brunswick that the said John Dunkley is not to be found It is Ordered that a Patent be granted to the said Theophilus Feild for the Lands above menconed.

William Eckols having entred a Caveat against Thomas Basset for three hundred acres lying in Goochland between Angola & great Guinea Creek the said Thomas Basset having neglected to sue out a Patent in due time It is Ordered that Eckols have two months notice of the day it intends to survey & if he does not then attend the Surveyor to lay it off at his own Discretion.

Peter King having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to Holden Maggee for four hundred & three acres of Land lying in

Brunswick County on the Northside of Staunton River on each side Buffalo Creek upon hearing the Parties for reasons appearing to the Board It is Ordered that the said Land be divided between the said Peter King & [. . .][72] Perry And that Patents issue accordingly they paying Rights for the same.

At a Council held at the Capitol Augst 4th 1743.

Present
The Governor

John Grymes
William Dandridge
John Custis
Philip Lightfoot

His Majestys Letter & sign Manuel dated the tenth of February 1742 appointing the Honble Lewis Burwell Junr one of his Majesty's Council of State for this Colony having been read He accordingly upon taking the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament & the Oath of Office took his place at the Board.

Present
Lewis Burwell

The Account of his Majesty's Quit Rents from the twenty fifth April 1742 to the twenty fifth of April 1743. Also the Account of his Majesty's Revenue of Two shill per Hhd Port Duties & Head Money from the twenty fifth October 1742 to twenty fifth April 1743 being examined by the Deputy Auditor & made Oath to by the Receiver General were Certified by the Governor as usual.

On the Motion of the Officers of his Majesty's Revenue they are impower'd to sign Rights to the value of Five hundred pounds & the Receiver General is to Issue them as usual.

That the Receiver General Issue the sum of One hundred pounds Sterling to the Governor of Pensilvania to be disbursed in the Affair of the Indians Viz^{t} One Hundred pounds as a present to the Indians & Twenty pounds to the Interpreter Conrade Weiser agreeably to an Order of Council made Sixth of May last.

[72]Blank in original.

Ordered

That the General Assembly be further prorogued to the first Thursday in November next & that a Proclamacon forthwith Issue for that Purpose

The Governor was pleased to communicate to the Board a Letter from the Honble George Clerke Esqr Governor of New York dated June the 16th 1743 with a Copy of the Proceedings of the Commissioners for Indian Affairs with their Answer relating to the Skirmish at Virginia They therein acknowledge the killing a few Cattle for their Subsistance for which they say they think themselves to have been hardly used they say they have no reason to be displeased or disgusted at our People & further that they are willing to come to Albany to meet & determine all Matters in dispute amicably & should be glad if the Governor of Virginia was himself present It is the Advice of the Board that the Governor will be pleased to write to the Governor of New York & return him thanks for the Care & Trouble he has given himself in this Business & to let him know that by the Mediation & good Offices of the Governor of Philedelphia [*i. e.* Pennsylvania] we are in a way of bringing all things to an amicable Conclusion having agreed to meet & treat together next Spring with a friendly Disposition of finally determining all Disputes.

At a Council held at the Capitol October 21st 1743.

Present
The Governor

William Bird	John Custis
Cole Digges	Thomas Lee
John Robinson	Lewis Burwell Esq^{rs}

The Governor having been pleased to grant a Commission unto Nathaniel Walthoe to be Clerk of the Council in the room of Robert Staunton Esqr deced & he producing a Certificate from Mr Benj^{a} Waller Clerk of James City County Court of his having taken the Oath of Allegiance & Supremacy & of having taken the Oath of Abjuration & of having subscribed the Test was accordingly admitted and the Oath of his Office administred to him.

Upon Reading the Petition of Thomas Read Setting forth That he being Master of the Ship Mary of London & that the said Ship being

lately loaden with Tobacco in Maryland was in her Voyage by Stress of Weather forced upon Willoughby's Point where the said Ships Rudder was beat off & she proving very Leaky he was forced to take Harbour & unload all her Tobacco at Norfolk that by this Accident the ship is disabled to carry her full Lading of Tobacco & without redress from this Board he'll be obliged to leave forty hogsheads in Virginia which will inevitably be lost It is Ordered that the Petitioner have leave to ship forty Hogsheads on Board any Ship trading from hence to London to be delivered the Owners there & that not to be subjected to any Inspection here.

The Governor communicated a Letter from Whitehall dated July the 15th 1743 Sign'd Andrew Stone with Directions from the Lords Justices for apprehending & securing one Thomas Allman (late Clerk to the Agent Victuallers at Jamaica he having forged Bills to the value

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of 1283..13..7 which Bills have been paid out of the Treasure of his Majesty's Navy) & if found to send him to Jamaica in order that he may be prosecuted.

The Governor communicated to the Board a Copy of his Majesty's Commands to their Lordships of the Admiralty under his Royal Signet & sign Manuel together with their Lordships Directions to him to cause his Majesty's Pleasure signified in the said Warrant to be carefully comply'd with in this Government The Substance of which is as follows The Sieur Hop Envoy Extraordinary from the States General of the united Provinces having complained that since the Commencement of the present War with Spain the Captains of our Men of Warr & others have without any Regard to the Terms of the Treaty Marine concluded between King Charles the second & their High Mightinesses the first of December 1674 frequently made Prize of Dutch Ships & their Cargoes as well in Europe as America on pretence of their having on board Spanish Effects through [*i. e.* though] not contraband & that our Courts of Admiralty have in several instances condemn'd the said Vessels & Cargoes 'Tis therefore his Majesty's Will & Pleasure that proper Reparation & Satisfaction be given in all Cases where the Stipulations in the said Treaty shall be found to have been violated & that Direccons be given to be [*i. e* the] several Courts of Admiralty where Claimes relating to such Captures may come to be heard to pay the strictest regard to what is stipulated in the said Treaty Marine & all other Treaties subsisting between us & the States General

Ordered

That the General Assembly be further prorogued to the Third Thursday in May next & that a Proclamacon forthwith Issue for that Purpose.

Order'd

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Frederick & that the Persons named in the List recommended at a Council held April 23d be appointed.

Order'd

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Stafford & that William Fitzhugh Esqr be added.

Order'd

That a New Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Fairfax and that Lawrence Washington Esqr be added.

The Governor was pleased to appoint the Persons herein after named to be Sherifs of the following Counties

Vizt for

Frederick	Morgan Morgan
Henrico	James Cock
Glocester	John Washington
King George	Jonathan Sydenham
Accomack	Anderson Patterson
Goochland	James Daniel

The following Persons appointed Inspectors at the Publick Warehouses Vizt

Richmond Fantleroy's &c	Jonathan Beckwith
Glocester Poropotank &c	James Carter Junr
Accomack &c Pungoteague &c	Adam Muir
Accomack Pitts &c	Daniel Hall
Essex..Hobb's Hole	Thomas Davis.

At a Council held at the Capitol Octr 24th 1743

Present
The Governor

William Bird	John Custis
Cole Digges	Thomas Lee
John Robinson	Lewis Burwell

On hearing the Complaint and Depositions taken in Fairfax County against John Turley an Inspector at Occoquon Warehouse It appearing upon the face of them that the Facts he is accused of are most of them but trifling & of an ancient date that in his defence he has sufficiently clear'd himself of most & several Witnesses giving him a good Character It is Order'd that the said Turley be discharged and acquitted.

The Governor was pleased to Communicate to the Board a Letter from Lord Banff desiring his Honour to inform the Council of the two Sloops of Warr Station'd here being both order'd home & of the intended Departure of his Majesty's [ships?] under his Command Upon due Consideracon the Board are of Opinion that his Lordship going to the West Indies at this Critical Juncture would evidently expose us to very great Dangers & leave us in a most Naked & defenceless State & 'tis their advice that the Governor will please to write to his Lordship & endeavour to prevail upon him to continue here for our Protection if it can be done without any unjustifiable departure from his Orders and Instruccons.

At a Council held October 25th 1743.

Present
The Governor

William Bird	John Custis
Cole Digges	Thomas Lee
John Robinson	Lewis Burwell Esq^{rs}

On the Petition of John Robinson Esqr James Wood Henry Robinson Thomas Lewis & Andrew Lewis Leave is granted them to take up Thirty Thousand acres in Orange County in one or more Surveys lying to the South South West & North West of the Calves Pasture heretofore granted to Edward Barradall & John Lewis

The Accounts of Contingent Charges from the 25th of April 1743 to the 25th of October 1743 & for Repairs to the Governor's House being laid before the Board were allowed.

The Petition of James Patton Gent & al for two hundred thousand acres lying upon Woods River forty or fifty Miles to the Westward of the head Springs of Roanoak River & 500 East distant from the great River Missisippi &c Order'd to lye by for further Consideration they to be preferr'd to other Petitioners.

Petition of Robert Lewis William Lynn &c to take up Fifty Thousand on the Head Branches of James River to the West & North Westward of the Cow Pasture &c postpon'd for further Consideracon.

At a Council held October 31st 1743.

Present
The Governor

William Bird	John Custis
Cole Digges	Thomas Lee
John Robinson	Lewis Burwell Esqrs

The Governor having Communicated the Directions he received from the Lords Justices for putting this Colony into the best posture of Defence upon the present uncertain State of Public Affairs It is the Advice of the Board that all Commanding Officers in their several respective Counties be advertiz'd to keep themselves prepar'd & in readiness against any Attempt that may be made upon this Colony from any Quarters whatsoever & to see that the Militia be kept under good Order & Discipline & that they be provided with Arms & Ammunition as the Law directs

The Governor having Communicated to the Board a Letter from the Lords of the Admiralty dated Augst 19th 1743 Signifying that the Commanders of his Majesty's Ships in America have made frequent Complaints that they are often interrupted in endeavouring to procure Seamen to made up their Compliments & that it appears to their Lordships to be cheifly owing to a mistaken Notion that the American Act made in the Reign of Queen Anne prohibiting the pressing there is still in force & that their Lordships have been pleased to Transmit the Opinions of Sr Edward Northey his late Majesty's Attorney General & of the present Attorney & Sollicitor General that the said Act

expired long ago It is the Advice of the Board to have this publish'd that every Body may be acquainted with the said Opinions of these Gentlemen learned in the Law on a Point which remains here undetermin'd & about which People in these parts are divided in their Judgments.

At a Council held November 3d 1743.

Present
The Governor

William Bird	John Custis
Cole Digges	Philip Lightfoot
John Robinson	Thomas Lee

Lewis Burwell Esqrs

The Governor Communicated to the Board a Letter from Lord Banff dated November 1st in which he acknowledges the Receipt of a Letter from his Honour Informing his Lordship that the Governors of his Majestys Colonies have received Orders to provide for their Security in Case of a Rupture with France, also of another Letter 25th October signifying the opinion of this Board that his Lordship staying here will be more for the Publick Service & Protection if [*i. e.* of] the Trade of this Colony, in which Opinion his Lordship says he Concurs.

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of two shillings per Hogshead Port Duties and Head Money were signed by the Governor in Council

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For half a years Sallary to the Governor	£1000	—	—
For half a years Salary to the Council	300	—	—
To the Judges & other Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer	100	—	—
For half a years Salary to the Auditor of the Plantations	50	—	—
For half a years Sallary to the Sollicitor of Virginia Affairs	50	—	—
For half a years Salary to the Attorney General	35	—	—
For half a years Salary to the Clerk of the Council	50	—	—

For the Minister's attending the General Assembly...	8..—..—
For half a years Salary to the Armourer.....	6..—..—
For half a years Sallary to the Gunners of the Battery's	23..10..—
For Repairs done to the Governors House.....	72.. 1.. 5
For Contingent Charges	252.. 7.. 4
For half a years Salary to the Adjutant.....	75..—..—

On the Revenue of Quit Rents

For half a years Salary to the Attorney General.....	35..—..—

The following Petitions for Land were read & granted.

To William Megginson Four hundred & one hundred & eighty Acres contiguous to each other in Goochland County on the South side of Fluvanna River beginning about four Miles above the Mouth of Tye River patented by William Cabel And to have an Inclusive Patent.

To Michael Cadet Young One thousand acres lying on both sides of Halls Branch beginning at his Corner white Oak on the Road adjoining his own Lands And to have an Inclusive Patent.

To Joseph Barrenger two thousand Acres lying on the Southside of Buffalo River beginning at John Rain's Entry on the East side of the Tobacco Row Mountains.

To Thomas Tanner eight hundred & fifty in Amelia on the Forks of Deep Creek joining on Melonie Fitzgerrald Worsham Moody & Vaughan's Lands & Winningham's Creek.

To George Carrington & Edmund Grey six thousand on both sides of Harris's Creek on the Northside of the Fluvanna in the County of Goochland.

To Charles Anderson two thousand in Amelia lying on Bryery River joining on Jos. Morton Jun^{rs} Line & on the branches of Buffalo River

To John Payne three thousand in the fork of James River in Goochland beginning at the fork branches of Crooks Creek thence to the back Line of the Land formerly Dudley Digge's thence to the back line of Capt Benj^{a} Cock's Land so far as to make up the Compliment.

To Richard Taylor Junr to Include two hundred acres in Slate River North Branch with eight hundred acres already Survey'd.

To John Goodwin of Surry eight hundred acres of New Land adjoyning his old on the Northside of Sappony Creek in Prince George and to have an inclusive Patent.

To Thomas Dixon eight hundred on the Southside of Sapony Creek in Prince George adjoyning his old Land And to have an Inclusive Patent

To William Grey & Ashford Hughes ten thousand lying on both sides of Pigg River beginning at the Lower end of the first great Low Ground extending on both sides the River to include the Compliment in Brunswick

To James Terry & Obediah Woodson four thousand in Brunswick beginning at the Buffalo Tract below Whipping Creek running up and taking in both sides of the said Tract & Creek.

To John Leonard & John Wilson & Pue Price eight thousand in Brunswick lying upon the Second Fork of Banister River joining Richard Bookers Land up the said River on both sides.

To John Wilson John Leonard & Pue Price four thousand in Brunswick beginning at the Mouth of Bear Head & so away to the Head of Blue Stone Creek down the same for Compliment.

To Charles Lynch one thousand acres adjoyning five hundred & thirty one already patented to him lying on the Northside of Staunton River in Brunswick.

To Richard Booker Samuel Baker & John Thomson eight thousand Acres upon Banister River in Brunswick.

To Thomas Felts eight hundred lying upon the Poplar Swamp in Surry contiguous to one hundred & eighty five acres of patented Land whereon he now lives & to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To James Maxwell three thousand acres lying on the Southside of Sherando River adjoyning the Land of Philip Long whereon he now lives & so extending up the said River to the Land of Adam Miller whereon he now lives.

To Tarleton Fleming eight hundred lying on the back of Rock Castle the Northside of James River in Goochland lapsed from Major John Bolling with a tract of Land formerly patented by Charles Fleming deced as also the Waste Land between the aforesaid Tracts if any & to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

To William Winston Junr & William Burrus five thousand in Brunswick beginning at a whiteoak on a branch of the River Dan & so running along the said River where there has been no grant already to make up the Compliment.

To John Cobb two thousand in the fork of James River joining Mr Dudley Digges's back Line & Mr Benjamin Cocks back Line in Goochland beginning on the Branches of the South Creech [*sic*] so running up.

To Robert Hancock five hundred acres in Amelia near the Indian Feild & near the head of Appomattox River & an Inclusive Patent for one hundred & fifty acres already survey'd at the Indian Fields & two hundred & fifty acres more already entered for all adjoyning one the other in Amelia & two Surveys each containing one hundred & fifty acres lying in Goochland opposite the former Lands [. . .][73] nothing but the River & there 'tis very narrow parting the Lands

To Obediah Woodson two thousand Acres on the Northside of Appomack[74] on Fish Pond Creek beginning at Boazer Corner on the Northside the said Creek running up the Creek to Dabbs Line then along Dabbs Line to Mayo's Creek from thence to the River then down the River to Hodnets Line & along Hodnets Line to the beginning.

To John Edloe one thousand acres in Brunswick beginning at Kiddlestick bridge running North West for distance then South West for the great branch then down the branch and Kiddlestick.

To William Thompson two thousand in Prince George beginning at Chamberlin's Bedd in Butlers Line thence up the Run a Little Way & over burnt Quarter & down the other side of the Run to Henry Withs.

To Christopher Martin to include two Surveys made for him amounting to Six hundred Acres lying in Henrico upon Frane's Branch in one Patent.

To Richard Kennon & William Kennon Junr thirty one thousand seven hundred in Brunswick on Cubb Creek beginning on Thomas Kidleys back Camp & so up & down both sides the said Creek & towards the Mountains between the main Rivers of Roanoak & Appomattox on Consideracon of their having Imported & seated a Family for every thousand acres of the said Land.

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[73]Blank in original.

[74]Evidently the Appomattox River.

At a Council held at the Governors House December 14th 1743.

Present
The Governor

William Bird	Philip Lightfoot
John Grymes	Thomas Lee
John Custis	Lewis Burwell Esqrs

The Account of his Majesty's Revenue of two shill per Hogshead Port Duties & Head Money from the 25th April 1743 to 25th October 1743 was presented by the Receiver General who made Oath to the said Account & the same being examined by the Deputy Auditor was certified by the Governor as usual.

The Honble Thomas Lee Esqr & William Beverley Esqr were this Day appointed Commissioners for negotiating the Treaty with the Indians.

The Board having taken into Consideracon the Petition of William Beverley Esqr in Relation to his Demand for the Lands called Point Comfort whereon Fort George is erected have Ordered that upon his Executing proper Conveyances to revest the Lands in the Crown the Receiver General pay him as much by the Acre as he sold the adjacent Lands for.

The Governor being pleased to acquaint the Board that he had appointed Lewis Burwell Junr Esqr to be Naval Officer within the upper District of James River he was approved of by the Council.

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace issue for James City County & that John Warburton Benjamin Eggleston William Hooker William Brown Junr & John Lightfoot be added

Samuel Bush having Entered a Caveat against Thomas Hunter to be prefer'd to a Grant of Sixty six acres or thereabouts in the Parish of Lynhaven in the County of Princess Anne supposed to be Escheated from Anne Workman Upon hearing Council on both sides It is Ordered that Bush be prefer'd upon paying all Charges.

Stephen Stone having entered a Caveat against Richard Ward for three hundred & fifteen acres in Goochland upon Appomattox River On hearing the Matter It is Ordered that a Patent be granted to the said Stone for the Lands above menconed

Judith Edmondson having Entered a Caveat against Humphrey Hoye Tabb Ordered that the Meritts of the said Caveat be argued again the third day of the next General Court.

At a Council held April 16th 1744.

Present
The Governor

Cole Digge's	John Custis
John Robinson	Thos Lee Esqrs

A Letter from the Lords Justices in his Majesty's Name appointing William Fairfax Esqr one of his Majestys Council of State for this Colony being this day read He accordingly upon taking the Oath of Office took his Place at the Board.

Ordered

That the Officers of his Majesty's Revenue sign five hundred pounds of Rights

Ordered

That Mr Prentis pay to John Stepto the Reward of Ten pounds for apprehending William Jones

The Governor was pleased to Communicate to the Board a Letter from Lord Banff signifying his Arrival from the West Indies & that his Majesty's Ship the Hastings under his Command having been upon Service for four Months past has suffered so much that he fears it will take up some time to put her in a Condition for sailing & that he shall be obliged to Careen her.

At a Council held April 18th 1744.

Present
The Governor

William Bird	John Tayloe
Cole Digges	Philip Lightfoot
John Robinson	Thomas Lee
John Custis	Lewis Burwell &

William Fairfax Esqrs

Upon the Application of Thomas Lee & William Beverley Esq^{rs} appointed Commissioners to treat with the six Nations of Indians It is Ordered that the Receiver General pay them One hundred pounds Sterling towards their Expences in the said Treaty and that Colonel Bird & Colonel Burwell with the said Commissioners prepare a Commission & Instruccons to be laid before the Board.

On the Petition of the Honble John Custis Esqr for leave to set free his Negro Boy Slave Christened John but commonly called Jack born of the body of his Negro Wench Young Alice Ordered that Leave be granted to Manumit & set free the said Slave according to the Prayer of the Petitioner.

Upon Reading the Petition of the Inhabitants of Wiccomico Parish in the County of Northumberland for a Nomination of Justices Ordered that the said Petition be transmitted to the Court of the said County.

The Board having reconsidered the Petition of William Beverley Esqr in relation to his demand for the Lands called Point Comfort whereon Fort George is Erected Ordered that the Receiver General pay him One hundred pounds Current Money as a full Equivalent for the same.

Judith Edmondson having entered a Caveat against Humphry Toy Tabb to be prefer'd to a Grant of Seven hundred acres of Land supposed to be Escheated upon hearing Council on both sides and considering the Charter of the 28th of Charles the 2^{d} It is Ordered That Humphrey Toy Tabb be prefer'd he being in Possession & having made the first Application.

James Griffin having entered a Caveat against William Beverley for any Quantity of Land lying in South Farnham Parish & County of Essex on Hoskins Creek Ordered that the Consideracon hereof be postpon'd to the third day of the next General Court & that the Pl^{t} be prepar'd to prove his Allegations.

Ordered

That the General Assembly be further prorogued to the first Thursday in July And that a Proclamation forthwith Issue for that purpose.

At a Council held April the 17th[75] 1744.

Present
The Governor

William Bird	Philip Lightfoot
Cole Digges	Thomas Lee
John Robinson	Lewis Burwell &
John Custis	William Fairfax Esqrs

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Spotsylvania & that Anthony Strother William Hunter & William Lynd be added.

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Northumberland & that Colonel Presly Thornton Baldwin Matthews Smith Griffin Fantleroy William Tate, Richard Hull Ellis Gill & Argail Taylor be added.[76]

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Charles City & that Henry Taylor be added.

The Commission & Instruccons prepar'd for Thomas Lee & William Beverley Esqrs agreeably to the Direccons of the preceeding Council were this day read & approved of.

The Accounts of Contingent Charges & for repairs of the Governors House from the 25th of October 1743 to the 25th April 1744 being laid before the Board were allowed.

Ordered

That the Receiver General pay to Mr Baron one hundred & fifty Pounds Currenty upon Account of the Batteries at Point Comfort.

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[75]This date is evidently in error.

[76]The clerk's omission of commas confuses these names which should be distinguished as follows: Presly Thornton, Baldwin Matthews Smith, Griffin Fantleroy, William Tate, Richard Hull, Ellis Gill, Argail Taylor.

At a Council held May 3d 1744.

Present
The Governor

William Bird	John Taylor
Cole Digges	Philip Lightfoot
John Robinson	Thomas Lee
John Custis	Lewis Burwell

William Fairfax Esqrs

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of two shillings per Hogshead Port Duties & Head Money were sign'd by the Govenor in Council
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For half a years Sallary to the Governor	£1000..—..—
For half a years Salary to the Council	300..—..—
To the Judges & other Officers of the Court of Oyer and Terminer	100..—..—
For half a years Sallary to the Auditor of the Plantacons	50..—..—
For half a years Sallary to the Sollicitor of Virginia Affairs	50..—..—
For half a years Salary to the Attorney General	35..—..—
For half a years Salary to the Clerk of the Council	50..—..—
To the Ministers attending one General Court	8..—..—
For half a years Salary to the Armourer	6..—..—
For half a years Salary to the Gunners of the Batteries	23..10..—
For Repairs done to the Governors House	81..15.. 9
For Contingent Charges	361..10.. 3
For half a years Salary to the Adjutant	75..—..—

On the Revenue of Quit Rents

For half a years Salary to the Attorney General	35..—..—
To Mr Commissary from the 18th July 1743 to the 25th April	76..18.. 4

The following Petitions for Land were read & granted.

To John Christian & James Christian leave is granted to renew an Order of Council made May 6th 1743 for taking up five thousand acres in Goochland lying on the Northside of James River beginning at a White Oak Markt J. C on Hukers Creek.

To Thomas Jones one thousand five hundred acres in Amelia lying between the branches of the Sweat House & Namusins Creek running between Watsons Munfords Bennitts & Hinton's Lines for Compliment.

To Wood Jones leave is granted to renew an Order for two thousand acres in Brunswick lying on Turkey Branch a Branch of Cubb Creek beginning at a Markt Oak & running up and down both sides the said branch and up the said Creek.

To William Randolph Warner Lewis John Harmer & William Randolph Junr Ten thousand Acres lying on Roanoak joining to two former Tracts granted to William Randolph John Harmer & Walter King & to one other Tract granted to Peter Jefferson Charles Lynch & Ambrose Joshua Smith.

To Benjamin Harris Richard Eppes Samuel Jordan Mat. Jordan John Royal & William Skillering twenty thousand acres in Brunswick beginning on Irwin River about a Mile below Turkey Island running up both sides the said River to Compleat the Quantity.

To Nicholas Davis eight hundred acres lying on Dreaming Creek a Southern Branch of the Fluvanna River in Goochland adjoining to an Entry made by & purchased from Richard Burke extending up the said Creek on either or both sides & to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To John Lidderdale & John Hood five thousand acres on Falling River & its branches in Brunswick.

To John Lidderdale One thousand acres lying on Flatt Rock & Maherin River adjoining his Lands already patented & to have & [*i. e.* an] inclusive Patent for the whole in Brunswick.

To James Murray four thousand acres in Brunswick on Staunton River on the upper side of Whipping Creek joining the River & Creek.

To Isaac Allen three hundred & seventy acres lying on the Southside of Staunton River in Brunswick adjoining one hundred & twenty nine acres already patented and to have an Inclusive Patent.

To John Woodson one thousand six hundred acres in Amelia lying on both sides of Buffalo River joining Colonel Randolphs & Jⁿ Mullins's Line's

To John Woodson twelve hundred acres lying upon little Dry Creek in Goochland joining Colᵒ Randolphs Line.

To Peter Randolph & John Coles five thousand acres of Land in Goochland lying on the Northside of the Fluvanna River or any of the branches thereof between the Tobacco Row Mountains & the blue Ridge.

To William Phelps four hundred acres lying on the North Fork of Wrack Island Creek in Goochland joining four hundred acres lately surveyed for the said Phelps & two hundred acres purchased of Thomas Phelps Junʳ & to have an inclusive Patent.

To James Nevil leave is granted to include in one Patent one thousand eight hundred & fifty acres lately surveyed for the said Nevil in Goochland and seven hundred acres formerly granted to the sᵈ Nevil by Patent joining the above one thousand eight hundred & fifty acres & the Fluvanna River.

To Thomas Edwards six hundred acres lying on the branches of Willis's Creek in Goochland joining his old Survey John Bollings Land & to go up the Rocky Ridge towards the round Mountain.

To William Cabell leave is granted to renew an Order of Council granted in 1742 for twelve hundred acres in Goochland on both sides the Fluvanna River adjoining his Patent for four thousand eight hundred acres and to have an Inclusive Patent.

To John Bolling Nickolas Davies William Mayo James Young William Stith & William Randolph leave is granted to take up in one Survey twenty thousand acres on the branches of James River granted in the year 1738 to Samuel Tschiffeley the said Tschiffeley having transferr'd his right to the Petitioners they paying Rights for the same.

To Mackerness Goode twelve hundred acres in Brunswick joining upon the upper great Forke of blew Stone Creek joining his own Lands on both sides.

To Thomas Hughes & William Marrable four thousand acres in Brunswick on Whipping Creek near or upon the branches of Maherin River.

To Peter Woodlief five hundred acres in Prince George on the upper side of Butterwood Swamp adjoyning his Fathers & Wyatts Lines.

To John Jones leave is granted to renew an Order for one thousand five hundred acres in Prince George lying between his own Richard White's William Jones's John Edwards's & Tabb's Lines on the Great Creek.

To Anthony Benoine eight hundred acres on Slate River adjoyning four hundred acres bought of George Homes & to have an Inclusive Patent

To Benjamin Watkins Junr sixteen hundred acres lying in Brunswick adjoyning four hundred acres surveyed by Col^{o} William Mayo upon the Head branches of Rack Island Creek to begin in the ridge between Falling River & the said Creek & to extend down the branches of the said River.

To Jos. Parsons two thousand acres lying on the Southside of Buffalo River joining Richey and Archtacon's Lines in Amelia

To Thomas Jones leave is granted to renew an Order of Council for twelve hundred acres lying in Amelia on the Northside of Ramusin Creek between the Lines of Watson Munford Bauldin & Hinton.

To William Stith two Tracts of Land on Barringers & Toten Creeks in Goochland the one consisting of one thousand six hundred & fifty acres the other four hundred & twenty contiguous & to have an Inclusive Patent.

To Archibald Cary & Benjamin Harrison of Goochland Ten thousand acres in Brunswick to begin in a poison'd field in Crooked Creek on Carolina Bounds to extend Northward

To John Ornsby two thousand acres on the Head Branches of Butterwood Namazin & White Oak joining Claiborn's Nobe's Poythress Eaton's Goodwin's & the County Line in Prince George.

To Lunsford Lomax leave is granted to include one thousand one hundred acres already surveyed on Horseleys Creek & two surveys of four hundred each in one Patent.

To Richard William & Lawrence Taliaferro five thousand acres joining to a Grant at the Wart Mountain in Brunswick to William Randolph John Harmer & Walter King.

To Lewis Parham John Wall John Merritt Richard Burch William Edwards Joseph Cloud Patrick Hall William Embry Thomas & John Embry Ten thousand acres lying in Brunswick beginning at the Mouth of Marrowbone Creek on the Southside of Irwin River running up the said River & Creek for Quantity.

To Peter Leath one thousand acres in Prince George on both sides of Warwick Swamp & to include his old patented Lands

To William Leadbetter all the Wast Land joining his old to be included in one Patent.

To Peter Green one thousand acres lying on each side of South Wester Swamp in Surry.

To Henry Robertson & Edward Robertson & John Mitchell one thousand six hundred acres in Brunswick beginning below Cargills Path running up both sides.

To Henry Robertson one thousand acres in Brunswick beginning upon the middle Fork of Maherin River at the Mouth of the Rockey branch running up & down on both sides of the Middle Fork of Maherin.

To William Thompson leave is granted to renew an Order of Council made in November 1743 for leave to take up Two thousand acres in Prince George beginning at Chamberlins Bed in Butlers Line thence up the Run a little way & over burnt Quarter & down the other side of the Run to Henry Withs.

To William Eppes leave is granted to include four hundred acres already surveyed adjoyning his old patented Land of three hundred seventy two acres & an Entry of four hundred acres purchased adjoyning thereto on the Southside of Joseph's Swamp in Prince George in one Patent.

To William Gray & Edward Gray Ashford Hughes & Bedford Davenport Six thousand acres in Brunswick beginning at the three great Forks of Bannister River extending up the said three Forks for Complement.

To Richard Wynne four thousand acres lying in Brunswick on both sides Dry Creek across Rockey Branch to great Nottoway beginning on Capt Fishers Line & Degraffenreids Path

To Samuel Wynne four thousand acres lying in Brunswick beginning on John Stones Lower Corner Line between the two hound Creeks & thence down to Cranshaws Line so round to Tucking[77] Creek to include one hundred & fifty acres already patented to the said Samuel & to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Samuel Wynn four thousand acres beginning on the Fork of Tuckling[78] Creek running away to Brigg Line & from thence to Edward Colvils Line thence to a great Horse lick lying on the Path which leads from Mr Poole's Land to Col^{o} Ambrose's Quarter in Brunswick.

[77–78]Tucking, or Tuckling, Creek was apparently the same as Wool Creek.

To Thomas Williams George Saunderson & John Waller twelve thousand Acres in Brunswick lying upon the branches of Cubb Creek & Williams's Creek including seven thousand six hundred seventy six already Survey'd in Several Parcels.

To Alexander Trent twelve hundred acres of New Land adjoyning one thousand one hundred & twenty already patented lying on the branches of Willis's Creek in Goochland & to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole

To Stephen Dewey Clement Read William Wynne & Nicholas Edmonds ten thousand Acres of Land in Brunswick beginning at the North fork of Irwin River at a great Napp of Reeds & so running up the Fork including the branches of Cascade Creek & the branches of Sandy River.

To James Nevil leave is granted to include in one Patent one thousand fifty acres patented by David Pateson & purchased of him by the said Nevil also one thousand two hundred acres already Surveyed by Order of Council & eight hundred surveyed in two Surveys lying on the South Fork of Rock Fish River in Goochland all joining together

Order'd

That a New Commission of the Peace issue for County of Nansemond & that James Turner Mills Reddick Jonathan Godwin & Joseph Godwin be added.

Order'd

That a New Commission of the Peace issue for County of Frederick & that John Lindsey Jacob Hite Thomas Swearingham Israel Robinson & Solomon Hedges be added.

At a Council held at the Governors House June 12th 1744.

Present
The Governor

William Bird	John Grymes
Cole Digge's	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot Esqrs

On reading a Letter from Lord Banff communicated by the Governor to the Board Purporting that his Majestys Ship under his Command is leaky & much out of Repair being eight Months since clean'd & recommending it as necessary to fit out an armed Vessel for the better Security of this Colony during this critical juncture It is agreed accordingly that a Vessel be hir'd with all Expedition provided his Lordship will furnish her with a sufficient number of hands proper Officers & Provision & supply her with what Quantity of Arms he can spare out of his Majesty's Ship.

The Governor was pleased to communicate to the Board a Letter from the Honble Thomas Lee Esqr appointed a Commissioner to treat with the Indians on Consideration of the Circumstances therein represented It is Order'd that the Receiver General remit to him the further sum of Two hundred Pounds.

At a Council held June 14th 1744.

Present
The Governor

William Bird	John Custis
Cole Digges	Philip Lightfoot
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Grymes	Lewis Burwell Esq^rs^

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Spotsylvania & that the following Persons be appointed Justices Colonel Waller William Robinson John Chew Franc Thornton Francis Taliaferro John Minor John Waller Junr Larkin Chew Richard Tutt John Taliaferro Elliott Benger William Waller Mosely Batany[79] of the Quorum William Carr John Thornton Thomas Turner Junr Lawrence Taliaferro Robert Jackson Henry Willis Anthony Strother William Hunter Richard Philips Jos Hankins Achilles Bowker.

[79]Evidently intended for Moseley Battaley. *Cf.* references to him as justice of the peace for Spotsylvania County on pp. 121, 311, 312.

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace issue for the County of King William & that the following Persons be appointed Phil Whitehead James Macon Jos. Temple Matthew Maury Richard Gregory Augustine Moore Francis West George Seaton James Elliott Quorum John Gibson James Quarles Benjamin Hubbard Edward Littlepage John Martin Bernard Moore Philip Aylett Nathaniel Clayborne Philip Buckner Robert Campbell John Norton

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Accomack & that Edmund Allen Thomas Teakle Taylor William Bagg William Beavans Junr Henry Custis Edmund Scarborough Junr Charles West James Rule Richard Drummond & Charles Stockley be appointed Justices.

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of York & that the Persons named in the last Recommendation be added excepting Thomas Nelson Esqr.

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Amelia & that John Nash & John Hall be added according to their standing in a former Commission & Samuel Sherwin to be last.

The Governor was pleased to appoint the following Persons to be Sherifs

Viz^{t} for

Richmond	John Smith
Glocester	Mordecai Cock Senr
King & Queen	Thomas Thorpe
Prince William	John Grant
Elizabeth City	Jacob Walker
Prince George	Theophilus Field
Essex	Mungo Roy
Hanover	John Henry
King William	George Seaton

Lancaster.....Jesse Ball
James City .....Robert Goodrick
York.....Samuel Read
Northampton..... Peter Bowdoin
Brunswick.....William Hagood
Goochland.....Isaac Bates
Fairfax.....William Payne
Nansemond.....Edward Wright
Isle of Wight.....Howel Edmonds
Spotsylvania.....William Robinson
Middlesex.....Edmund Barkley

Order'd

That Mr Fry William Daingerfeildt & Simon Miller be appointed Coroners for the County of Essex

Order'd

That the Assembly be further Prorogued to the first Tuesday in September next and that a Proclamacon do forthwith Issue for that purpose.

James Munford having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to John Lidderdale & Alexander Spalding for sixteen thousand nine hundred & ninety three Acres of Land lying upon little Roanoake and Wards fork in the County of Brunswick the Parties appearing upon reasons offered to the Board the said Caveat is discharged.

James Ferguson having entered a Caveat against John Tapley for any Quantity of Land in Brunswick County lying in the Fork of Reedy Creek taken up by Ludwell Evans Order'd that a Patent be granted to the said James Ferguson.

Josias Randle having entered a Caveat against Robert Mountford for eight hundred & fifty acres in Brunswick called Finny Wood Land on the head Branches of blue Stone Creek the Parties appearing Order'd that a Patent be granted to the said Randle.

Isaac Allen having entered a Caveat against Charles Fisher for four hundred acres lying on the Southside of Staunton River against the Mouth of Otter River Order'd that Allen have a Patent for the said Land.

Leonard Henley having entered a Caveat against Benjamin Woodson for four hundred acres on the Northside of Hardway River in

Goochland beginning at Richard Damerals Line and so up the River it appearing by the Return of the Sherif that the said Woodson has been summoned & he not appearing Order'd that a Patent be granted to the said Henley.

Leonard Henley having entered a Caveat against Thomas Harbour for eight hundred acres on Philip Turmans Creek in Goochland the said Harbour having been summoned & not appearing Order'd that Henley have a Patent for the said Land.

Stephen Collins having entered a Caveat against Patrick Doram for two thousand four hundred acres in Amelia County lying on both sides of the North fork of Spring Creek off Buffalo River the Sherif having returned a Non est Inventus & the Board being informed that the said Doram is not in the Colony It is Order'd that a Patent be granted to the said Collins.

Nathaniel Harrison having entered a Caveat against William Haly to be preferr'd to a Grant of two hundred & forty acres in Prince George County on Chipoakes supposed to be escheated from John Terry the Parties being heard by their Counsel It is Ordered that the said Harrison be preferr'd paying all Charges.

William Morris having entered a Caveat against Cornelius Cargil for four hundred acres in Brunswick lying on the Northfork of Roanoak called Staunton River Ordered that a Patent be granted to the said William Morris.

Thomas Williams having entered a Caveat against John Ravenscroft for three thousand four hundred & four acres lying on Maherin River & Finny Wood in Brunswick Order'd that a Patent be granted to the said Williams

James Freeland having entered a Caveat against James Taylor for one hundred acres in Goochland on Griffiths Creek upon the Fluvanna River Ordered that Freeland have a Patent.

John Henry having entered a Caveat against Jacob Ogleby for two hundred acres in Goochland on the Mouth of Hardway River & on the East side thereof It is Order'd that a Patent be granted to the said John Henry.

Robert Winne having entered a Caveat against John Jones for two hundred acres lying in Brunswick on Difficult Creek It is Ordered that a Patent be granted to the said Robert Winne.

At a Council held June 15th 1744.

Present
The Governor

Cole Digges	John Grymes
John Robinson	Lewis Burwell Esqrs

James Petillo having entered a Caveat against Thomas & John Leath for four hundred acres more or less lying on both sides of Warwick Swamp in Prince George Order'd that a Patent be granted to the said Petillo.

Featherstone Cross against John Fitzgerrald for one one [*sic*] hundred acres in Prince George lying between White Oak & Butterwood Order'd that a Patent be granted to the said Cross

David Kincaid having entered a Caveat against Richard Stockton for four hundred acres in Goochland lying on both sides Stocktons branch off Mitchums River likewise another for four hundred acres on Stocktons Branch off Mitchums River It is Ordered that Patents be granted to the said Kincaid for the said Lands.

Samuel Whitworth having entered a Caveat against Henry Dawson for three hundred acres or thereabouts lying in Amelia on Stocks Creek Order'd that a Patent be granted to the said Whitworth.

Order'd

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Hanover & that William Winston Junr be added in his place

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted.

To David Bell Archibald Cary & Alexander Stenson Leave is granted them to take up Fifteen thousand acres lying on Smiths River a Branch of Roanoak so called in Brunswick.

To Sarah Harrison a Tract of Land at the head of the lower Menakin Creek on both sides of the Road containing about six hundred acres part in Goochland & part in Henrico formerly held by Thomas Dicker deced & not yet patented the major part of the said Land being in Goochland the Surveyor of Goochland to survey the same

To Joseph & John Massey sixteen hundred acres on Cat Tail Creek in Brunswick including the Land they live on

To John Stone eight hundred acres lying on the branches of Hounds Creek in Brunswick

To James Turner one thousand five hundred acres on the Southside of Maherin River including the Land he lives on.

To John Duprey five hundred acres on the Southside of Meherin in Brunswick.

To James Rutherford one thousand acres lying on both sides of Cubb Creek in Brunswick.

To Stephen Evans Junr one thousand acres on both sides of little Hound Creek in Brunswick.

To Sterling Clack Drury Stith & Nicholas Edwards three thousand acres lying on the South side of Reedy Creek beginning at John Edwards's Corner in the said Creek.

To Thomas and Ferquhard Grant three thousand acres including the Heads of the Branches of Butcher's & allens Creek joining Jones's upper Line thence upwards for Quantity.

To Thomas & Ferquherd Grant Six hundred acres lying on Butterwood joining a Tract of Land already survey'd for the said Grant contiguous thereto & to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole

To John & Richard Jones two thousand acres lying on the upperside of Difficult Creek including his Land already surveyed in Brunswick.

To Thomas Chew four thousand acres lying on the branches of little Pedler River at Harris's Creek in Goochland being Land that was formerly included in a Survey made for George Braxton & Company which exceeding the Quantity for which he had an Order was cut off.

To David Kincaid three thousand acres lying upon great Pedlar River in Goochland near the foot of the blue Mountains being called Pedlar Bottom

To James Freeland five hundred acres lying on both sides of Griffiths Creek including one hundred acres surveyed for James Taylor

To Benjamin Dumas to include four hundred acres on Snow Quarter Branch in Goochland with six hundred acres on the same branch formerly granted to the said Dumas in one Patent

To George Carrington & Philip Mayo three thousand acres on Bridle Creek to begin at the Piney Mountain and extend down the said Creek joining to two thousand four hundred & twenty five acres already surveyed, and to have an Inclusive Patent.

To Joseph Terry eight hundred acres joining to David Harris & William Wamack to entend [*i. e.* extend] across the Road & among the branches of Willis's Creek.

To William Stith Clerk an inclusive Patent for the following Tracts of Land lying contiguous to each other on Barringers and Totere Creeks in Goochland Viz^t a Tract of one thousand six hundred & fifty acres already patented another of four hundred & twenty acres likewise patented & four hundred acres up Barrengers Creek surveyed in April last.

To Thomas Williams twelve hundred acres lying on the Southside of Nottoway River upon Falling Creek in Brunswick.

To Miles Thweatt one thousand acres in Prince George between white Oak Swamp & Butterwood Swamp bounded by the Lands of Edward Crosland Edward Mitchell Henry Fitz Peter Nimmely James Thweatt Colemans Abner Grigge John Boin & John Fitzgerald & White Oak Swamp.[80]

To John Wall & William Macklin three thousand acres lying on Terrible Creek being a Branch of Staunton River in Brunswick beginning at John Walls upper Camp on the said Creek thence up & down for Quantity.

To John Wall & William Macklin three thousand acres in Brunswick on Difficult Creek beginning at the lower part of John Jones's Land.

To Lewis Delony Junr two thousand acres adjoyning his Survey of four hundred & six eight [*sic*] acres on Miles's Creek in Brunswick.

To Adam Tepley Junr five thousand acres in Brunswick beginning at Samuel Maning's upper Line on flat Creek running up on both sides & crossing to Dockrys Creek to compleat the Quantity.

To Stephen Dewey Clement Read Nicholas Edmunds & Robert Jones Junr twenty thousand acres beginning at the head at Banister River & running from the Head thereof to the branches of Turky Cock & Snow Creek in Brunswick.

To Clement Read William Wynne & Nicholas Edmunds ten thousand acres beginning upon the Fork of Irwin River at the great Napp of Reeds running up the Forks including the branches of Cascade Creek & the Branches of Sandy River in Brunswick.

To Matthew Talbot Clement Read & Nicholas Edmunds ten thousand acres beginning at the Mouth of stinking River running

[80]The clerk's omission of commas confuses these personal names which appear to be as follows: Edward Crosland, Edward Mitchell, Henry Fitz, Peter Nimmely, James Thweatt, Colemans, Abner Grigge, John Boin, John Fitzgerald.

up both sides of Banister River & the Branches thereof in Brunswick.

John Henry having obtained an Order of Council of the 14th Instant for a Patent to issue in his own Name upon a Caveat entered by him against Jacob Ogleby for two hundred acres of Land in Goochland on the Eastside of Hardway River and whereas the Platt of the said Land lodged in the Secretary's Office mentions two hundred & fifty acres It is Ordered on the Petition of the said Henry that he have a Patent agreeable to the aforesaid Platt.

At a Council held Augst 6th 1744.

Present
The Governor

Cole Digges	Philip Lightfoot
John Grymes	Thomas Lee
John Custis	Lewis Burwell Esqrs

The Account of his Majesty's Quit Rents from the 25th April 1743 to the 25th April 1744 Also the Account of his Majesty's Revenue of two shillings per Hhd Port Duties and Head Money from the 25th October 1743 to the 25th April 1744 being examined by the Deputy Auditor & made Oath to by the Receiver General were Certified by the Governor as usual.

Upon reading a Letter from Lord Banff to the Governor dated August the 1st wherein his Lordship advises an Addition of hands for the Guard to Coast Sloop[81] & desires that Forty Men may be hir'd to assist in fitting the Hastings with more Expedition It is the Advice of this Board that his Lordship receive for answer that if he'll be pleased to augment the Sloops present Complement to seventy Men forty hands shall be imediately hir'd to assist in cleaning the Kings Ship under his Lordships Command.

This Day was read the Treaty concluded at Lancaster by the Honble Thomas Lee Esqr & Colonel William Beverley on the behalf of this Colony with the six united Nations of Indians & their Release of all their Right to all the Lands within this Colony And it was Order'd that that part of it relating to the Roads agreed to

[81] *Cf.* references to "Guard a Coast", and "Guard la Coast Sloop Banff", pp. 163, 165, 166.

be printed in the Publick Gazette and all Persons required to take due Notice thereof and pay a strict Obedience thereto.

At a Council held Septr 6th 1744.

Present
The Governor

Cole Digges	Philip Lightfoot
John Grymes	Thomas Lee
John Custis	Lewis Burwell

William Fairfax Esq^{rs}

Order'd

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Lancaster & that the following Persons be added Viz^{t} James Gorden Dale Carter James Ball Junr & Thomas Taylor.

The Receiver General is allowed for the Current Year to give a high Exchange not exceeding five & twenty per Cent.

Henry Downs having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to Gibbins Ginnins for one thousand & thirty five acres on the branches of James River in that part of Orange called Augusta It appearing by the Return of the Sherif that the said Gibbins is not to be found It is Order'd that a Patent be granted to the said Downs for the Lands above menconed.

Zachary Taylor having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to William Morris for one thousand acres of Land in Orange formerly Spotsylvania County lapsed by Morris from Robert Ballard of York the said Morris having neglected to sue out a Patent for the same in due time It appearing by the Return of the Sherif that the said Morris is not to be found It is Order'd that a Patent be granted to the said Taylor for the Lands above menconed.

Henry Downs having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to James Dyer for four hundred acres in Orange on the Southside of Rappadan River It appearing by the Return of the Sherif that the said Dyer is not to be found Order'd that a Patent be granted to the said Downs for the said Lands.

Lawrence House having entered a Caveat [against] granting a Pate[nt] to John Johnson for two hundred & seventy acres in

Brunswick on the Northside of the Otter Swamp joining the said House's Line It appearing by the return of the Sherif that the said Johnson is not to be found Order'd that a Patent be granted to the said House for the said Lands.

James Petillo having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to Joseph Perren of Brunswick for four hundred acres of Land lying on Haa Branch on the East side of little Roanoak including the Golden Meadow in the said County On hearing the Parties for Reasons appearing to this Board It is Order'd that a Patent be granted to the said James Petillo for the Lands aforemenconed.

The following Petitions for Land were read & granted.

To Richard Persons three thousand acres lying on the branches of Bush River & Briery River in Amelia.

To Richard Avery two hundred acres joining to seven hundred & ninety in Surry whereon he now lives and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

To John Ornsby Clerk & William Stith Clerk seven thousand acres lying on the head Branches of Seneca & the branches of the South fork of Falling River in Brunswick.

At a Council held Septr 10th 1744.

Present
The Governor

Cole Digges	Philip Lightfoot
John Robinson	Thomas Lee
John Grymes	William Fairfax Esq^{rs}
John Custis	

Order'd

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Henrico & that the following Persons be added to those of the Quorum Viz^{t} William Gay William Kennon Junr & John Archer.

Upon reading a Letter from Lord Banff communicated by the Governor to this Board Complaining of a riotous and tumultuous Behaviour of the Inhabitants of the Burrough of Norfolk towards himself & the People belonging to the Ship under his Lordships Command It is the Opinion of the Board & accordingly Order'd that the principal Persons accus'd Viz^{t} John Cook Josiah Smith

Edward Pugh & Durham Hall be summoned to appear & answer for themselves before the Governor & Council on Tuesday the 18th Instant.

This is a true Copy
Examin'd by Me
N: Walthoe. Cl. Conj.

At a Council held September 13th 1744[82]

Present
The Governor

Cole Diggs	Philip Lightfoot
John Robinson	Thomas Lee
John Grymes	Lewis Burwell &

William Fairfax Esqrs

William Harvey appearing before the Board to answer the Complaint of Lieutenant Shenton for having insulted and challenged his Serjeant to Fight speaking disrespectfully of His Majestys Service to some Recruits belonging to his Excellency Colo Trelawneys Regiment and disuading People from inlisting all which appeared true upon the Oaths of several and the said Harvey having nothing to say for himself but that he was Drunk and know not what he said It is ordered That the Attorney General prosecute him for the same

At a Council held September 18th 1744

Present
The Governor

Cole Diggs	Philip Lightfoot
John Robinson	Thos Lee
John Grymes	Lewis Burwell &

William Fairfax Esqrs

This Day appeared the Parties summoned to answer the Complaint of the Right Hon'ble Lord Banff and the Council having heard

[82]Text from a photographic copy of original manuscript journal in the British Public Record Office, C. O. 5:1415, showing 113 unnumbered pages, although folios are usually lettered in sequence at the bottom. The journal was evidently written by an assistant to the clerk of the Council as the handwriting is different from the latter's attestation at the end. The photographic copy shows no title or endorsement but this particular journal ends with May 7, 1747. It was apparently missent or temporarily lost since the next journal, June 10, 1747-December 2, 1748, has the following apparently contemporaneous endorsement at head of title: "No Minutes of Council receiv'd from Virginia between 10 Sept 1744 & 10 June 1747." This note is incorporated in various check-lists of records in the British Public Record Office and has led to the assumption that this journal was non-existent.

all the Evidences in Support of the Accusation and many Witnesses on behalf of the Defendants Adjourned til Tomorrow Morning Ten o'Clock

At a Council held September 19th 1744

Present
The Governor
and the same as Yesterday

After hearing the remainder of the Evidence and Counsel on both sides it being a new Case and of great Importance the Council adjourned til To morrow eleven o'Clock for further Consideration

At a Council held September 20th 1744

Present
The Governor
And the same as Yesterday

Upon due Consideration of the whole Matter It is ordered That the Magistrates of the Borough of Norfolk regulate their Watch and put them under the Direction of a Constable who shall be allowed only Staves and Lanthorns and all Disorderly Persons taken up by them shall be carried before a Magistrate as soon as conveniently may be and not discharged but by the Order of a Magistrate And it is ordered That the Militia shall never Arm upon any Allarm before Application made by the Civil Magistrate to the commanding Officer of the Militia and all Magistrates are required diligently to discharge their Duty in preserving the Peace of the said Borough and to give all necessary Assistance to His Majestys Ships of War And it is further ordered That Mr John Cook for his ill Behaviour in the late Tumult be bound to his good Behaviour before the Mayor of Norfolk during one year in the Sum of Two hundred Pounds

And It is the advice of this Board That the Governor be pleased to write to Lord Banff to let him know That it is the Opinion of the Board that the Disorders which happened the fiffth of this Month in the Borough of Norfolk were occasioned by his Men entering the Town in such a Multitude armed with Clubs and to desire his Lordship

will never permit his People to come a Shore in any such Number or Manner hereafter and do all in his Power to prevent the like Disorders for the future

At a Council held September 26. 1744

Present
The Governor

Cole Diggs	Philip Lightfoot
John Robinson	Thomas Lee
John Grymes	William Fairfax Esq^{rs}

Upon reading a Letter from Lord Banff to the Governor in which his Lordship communicates that Part of his Instructions directing him from Time to Time to advise and consult with the Governor and Council in what Manner the Ship under his command may be most effectually employed in guarding the Coasts and securing the Trade from any Attempts of the Enemy It is the Advice of this Board That the Governor will be pleased to write to his Lordship and represent to him in the strongest Terms what Danger this Colony will be exposed to if his Lordship should leave it at this critical and perilous Juncture and to press him in the most earnest Manner to continue here for its Preservation

At a Council held October 2^{d} 1744

Present
The Governor

Cole Diggs	Philip Lightfoot
John Robinson	Thomas Lee &
John Grymes	Lewis Burwell Esq^{rs}

Ordered

That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Prince George and that the following Persons be appointed vizt Robert Bolling William Harrison William Starke Nat. Harrison William Poythress William Eppes John Banister Richard Bland Theoph:

Field Isham Eppes John Ravenscroft Anthony Penniston to be of the Quorum Theoderick Bland Peter Jones Anthony Haynes Hugh Miller & Samuel Gordon

At a Council held October 3d 1744

Present
The Governor

Cole Diggs	Philip Lightfoot
John Robinson	Thos Lee
John Grymes	Lewis Burwell &
John Custis	William Fairfax Esqrs

Ordered

That John Watts Wharton Ransdale and Presley Cox be appointed Coroners for the County of Westmoreland

The Governor communicated to the Board a Letter from Lord Banff dated September 28th acquainting his Honour with the Arrival of Mr Hume with the Guard a Coast and his Intentions of delivering her up into the Hands of the Owner and further That he had received a Letter from Commodore Warren with express Orders for his Lordship to proceed with his Majestys Ship under his Command for the West Indies by the Beginning of November

At a Council held October 4th [1744]

Present
The Governor
And as yesterday

On the Petition of Richard Taliaferro Leave is granted him to renew an Order of Council in his own Name which was granted to him and William and Lawrence Taliaferro for Leave to take up five thousand Acres joining to a Grant at the Wart Mountain in Brunswick to William Randolph John Harmer and Walter King the said William and Lawrence Taliaferro having transferred their Rights to him

Ordered That the Receiver General pay to William Beverley Esqr the further Sum of five Pounds for the Lands called Point Comfort

Ordered That John West Jos: Temple and James Quarles be appointed Coroners for King William County

At a Council held October 23^{d} 1744

Present
The Governor

Cole Diggs	Philip Lightfoot
John Robinson	Thomas Lee
John Grymes	Lewis Burwell &

William Fairfax Esq^{rs}

Upon the Petition of Thomas Buckner on Behalf of himself and other Inhabitants of the Parish of Drysdale in the County of Carolina [*i. e.* Caroline] complaining of the Churchwardens and Vestrymen of the said Parish for not complying with an Order of Vestry for building a third Church in the upper Part of the said Parish It is Ordered that they have Notice to attend the said Complaint before the Governor in Council on the first Day of Novemb^{r} next

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of King George and that the following Persons be added vizt Jo^{s} Morton Geo: Morton & Saml Down

Ordered That Jos: Morton be appointed Coroner for the County of King George

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Westmoreland and that William Fitzhugh be added

At a Council held October 30th 1744

Present
The Governor

Cole Diggs	Philip Lightfoot
John Robinson	Thomas Lee
John Grymes	Lewis Burwell &

William Fairfax Esq^{rs}

The Accounts of Contingent Charges from the 25th April 1744 to the 25th October 1744 and for Repairs to the Governors House being laid before the Board were allowed

The Accounts of Expences and Disbursments attending the late Treaty at Lancaster was produced to the Board by the Commissioners and

Ordered That the said Accounts be referred to Mr Auditor for his Examination

Ordered That the Sum of Thirteen Pounds be allowed to the Lawyer for drawing the Commission Instructions and the Deed from the Indians for the Lands purchased of them the Sum of Two Pounds Ten Shillings to an Express sent by the Governor and fifty Pounds to Mr William Black as Secretary to the Commissioners

The Account of the Charges for fitting out the Guard la Coast Sloop Banff being laid before the Board were allowed

On the Motion of the Officers of His Majestys Revenue they are impowered to sign Rights to the Value of five hundred Pounds and the Receiver General is to issue them as usual

At a Council held November 1st 1744

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Lewis Burwell &
John Grymes	William Fairfax Esqrs
Philip Lightfoot	

The Governor was pleased to communicate to the Board the following Letters vizt one from the Comissioners for distributing the Moiety of Prizes &c dated May 18th desiring his Honour to give public Notice to the Agents for the Captors of all Prizes in these Parts to transmit Authentic Accounts of all transactions relating to the said Prizes and to pay the full Moiety of their respective Accounts to the said Commissioners upon which It was ordered That an advertisement be put into the Gazette accordingly

A Letter from his Grace the Duke of New Castle on the said Subject

A Letter from his Grace the Duke of New Castle dated May 5th in Relation to the Exception taken by the States General to a

Clause in His Majestys Declaration of War against Spain and France whereby It is declared that the Ships of all Nations carrying Counterband Goods to the Enemies Ports shall be liable to Confiscation and signifying his Majestys Pleasure to impower his Honour to injoin all Captains of Ships to whom he shall give Letters of Marque to observe the Treaty Marine and give Security pursuant to the 10th article thereof

The Governor proposed to the Board Mr James Delpeche to be Naval Officer in Port Accomack on the Eastern Shore and he was approved of by the Council

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of His Majestys Revenue of Two shillings per Hhd Port Duties and Head Money were signed by the Governor in Council vizt

For half a years Salary to the Governor.....	£1,000
For half a years Salary to the Council.....	300
To the Judges and other Officers of the Court of Oyer & Terminer.....	100
For half a years Salary to the Auditor of the Plantations	50
For half a years Salary to the Solicitor of Virginia Affairs.....	50
For half a years Salary to the Attorney General..	35
For half a years Salary to the Clk of the Council..	50
To the Ministers attending the General Court and Assembly	16
For half a years Salary to the Armourer.....	6
For half a years Salary to the Gunners of the Batterys	23:10
For repairs done to the Governors House.....	120: 9
For contingent Charges.....	521:13:3
For half a years Salary to the Adjutant.....	75
For the Guard la Coast Sloop Banff.....	589: 5:4

On the Revenue of Quit Rents

To the Comissary..... £	50
To the Attorney General.....	35

The auditor reported That he had examined the Account of Expences &c attending the late Treaty at Lancaster referred to him by this honourable Board and found it truly stated The said Account was approved by the Council and

Ordered That the same be certified to the Right hon'ble the Lords Commissioners of His Majestys Treasury and the hon'ble the Lieutenant Governor is desired to apply to their Lordships for a Warrant allowing and directing the Receiver General to charge the whole Sum by him so advanced amounting to nine hundred and Twenty Pounds two Shillings and Eleven Pence Sterling in his next Account of His Majestys Revenue of Quit Rents together with such allowance to the Two Commissioners for their Trouble as to their Lordships shall seem reasonable The said Commissioners having as yet received no Reward for their Service in making the Treaty which this Board unanimously believe to be beneficial as it tends to secure the Frontier Inhabitants in their Possessions under which Security the Bounds of this Colony will be extended and his Majestys Revenue of Quit Rents increased

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted

To William Eckolls 2,000 Acres lying on Taylors Creek between Farriells and Crawfords Lines and over the Road on the Branches of Flatt Creek

To William Gray and Joseph Gray 10,000 Acres lying on the head Branches of James River to the west and northwestward of the Cow Pasture in that Part of Orange called Augusta and adjoining the said Cow Pasture Lines

To William Good 2,000 Acres lying on both sides of the north Fork of Blew Stone Creek joining Carrels Line and thence up

To Richard Womack 1200 Acres including his Plantation on the head of the Three Forks on Little Roanoak

To Drury Stith 3000 Acres lying on the head Branches of Blew Stone Creek including the Land he bought of John Cargill

To Richard Taliaferro an inclusive Patent for the following Tracts of Land lying contiguous to each other on Puppys Creek a Branch of Buffalo River in Goochland vizt a Tract of 400 Acres already surveyed another of 400 Acres Surveyed for his Son Charles and another of two hundred and seventy Acres surveyed for himself

To William Gray an inclusive Patent for three thousand Acres already patented and five Thousand eight hundred likewise Patented lying contiguous to each other in Goochland on the Branches of Appomattox and the Branches of Willis's River

To Anthony Benoine one thousand Acres on Slate River adjoining four hundred Acres bought of George Homes Gwyn and to have an inclusive Patent

To Samuel Jordan one thousand Acres in Brunswick beginning on Maherin River so running up the Juniper Creek for Complement

To Joseph Ballenger Jeremiah Wade and Pecree Wade three thousand Acres lying on the north side of James River in Goochland being on the south side of Buffalo River beginning at the Mouth of a Branch at the White Oak markt J B. and thence standing up the River and upon a Creek called Puppys Creek

To Humphry Hueg eight hundred Acres lying in Brunswick beginning where the Church Road crosses Parhams Creek running down the said Creek and up the south Branch of the said Creek for Complement

To Jonathan Ashworth one thousand six hundred Acres lying on Sanday Creek the north side of Staunton River in Brunswick County

To William Cabell to include in one Patent four hundred Acres Surveyed for himself and 400 acres surveyed for for [*sic*] John Peartree [?] Burk and seven hundred and thirty four Acres surveyed for the said Cabbel John Mims and Richard Burk all adjoining and purchased by the said Cabbell

To Burwell Brown all the waste Land lying between his own Land and the River and William Duglas Francis Acsoms William Barns Newit Drews John Mason's and Nathaniel Hicks Land on the South side of Maherin River in Brunswick

At a Council held November 3d 1744

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Thomas Lee
John Grymes	Lewis Burwell &
Philip Lightfoot	William Fairfax Esqrs

The Account of his Majestys Revenue of Two Shillings per Hhd Port Duties and Head Money from the 25th of April 1744 to the 25th of October 1744 was presented by the Receiver General who made Oath to the said Account and the same being examined by the Deputy Auditor was certified by the Governor as usual

Upon a Representation of the Case from several of the Vestry of the Parish of Drysdale &c It is the Opinion of this Board that there is no Occasion for them to be at the Expence of Building a third Church and that two Churches placed in the said Parish convenient to the Inhabitants thereof will be sufficient

The Governor communicated to the Board a Letter from Capt Douglas dated October 29th signifying his arrival at Lynhaven Bay in his Majestys Ship Mermaid under his Command ordered on this Station

December 13th 1744

By the Governor

Ordered That the General Assembly be further prorogued to the first Thursday in March next and that a Proclamation forthwith issue for that Purpose

February 26th 1744-5

By the Governor

Ordered That the General Assembly be further Prorogued to the last Thursday in May next and that a Proclamation forthwith issue for that Purpose

At a Council held April 16th 1745

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Thomas Lee
John Grymes	Lewis Burwell &
Philip Lightfoot	William Fairfax Esqrs

His Majesty's Letter and Sign Manual dated 10th of July 1742 appointing Robert Dinwiddy Esqr one of His Majestys Council of State for this Colony having been read he accordingly upon taken the usual Oath took his Place at the Board

Present

Robert Dinwiddie

The Petition of the People called Mennenists praying to be exempted from mustering was read and on due Consideration rejected

At a Council held April 17. 1745

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Thomas Lee
John Grymes	Robert Dinwiddie
John Custis	Lewis Burwell &
Philip Lightfoot	William Fairfax Esq^{rs}

The Governor communicated to the Board a Letter from the [*sic*] George Thomas Esqr Governor of Pensilvania dated March 26th purporting That Conrad Weiser had been prevailed upon to take another Journey to Onandago and that September or October was the Time fixt upon for the Deputies of the Six Nations and Cattawbaws to meet either at Williamsburg or Philadelphia

On the Motion of the Officers of his Majestys Revenue they are empowered to sign Rights to the Value of five hundred Pounds Sterling and the Receiver General is to issue them as usual

James Griffin by William Roan his Guardian having entered a caveat against William Beverley for Land supposed to be Kings Land lying on Haskins's Creek and adjoining to the said Griffins Scandretts and Reeves in Southfarnham Parish in Essex Upon hearing Council on both sides It is ordered That the Pl^{t} have a Patent paying Quit Rents for the same

At a Council held April 23d 1745

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Thomas Lee
John Grymes	Robert Dinwiddie
John Custis	Lewis Burwell &
Philip Lightfoot	William Fairfax Esqrs

The Governor communicated to the Board the Answer of the Cattawbaws signifying the Thanks of that Nation for the Care taken of them at the Treaty of Lancaster and their hearty Disposition to Peace with the Six Nations of whch [*sic*] they had already sent them their Belt and other Tokens desiring also that Conrad Weiser may be instructed to get a Letter from the Six Nations with Tokens and to prevail on them to recall their Warriours that no more Hostilities may be committed

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Accomack That the following Persons be added Ralph Corbin John Wallop Samuel Burton and Thomas Ryley that those who have refused to take the Oaths be left out and that one half of the Justices and one more be of the Quorum

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of GoochLand and that the following Persons be added William Randolph junior John Smith Henry Martin Charles Turnbul John Payne Alexander Trent Benjamin Harrison Charles Anderson John Harris and John Massie

On the Petition of Thomas Morrison setting forth That he has purchased of John Chiswell a Tract of Land in Albemarle County which is patented for two thousand four Hundred and Sixty Acres whereas there is no more than two thousand two hundred Acres Leave is granted him to complete his Quantity mentioned in the Patent if any Kings Land can be found adjoining his Lines and if not to have a new Patent for the just Quantity

At a Council held April 26, 1745

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Thomas Lee
John Grymes	Robert Denwiddie
John Custis	Lewis Burwell &
Philip Lightfoot	William Fairfax Esq^{rs}

The Receiver General is allowed for the Current Year to give a higher Exchange not exceeding thirty per Cent

The Accounts of Contingent Charges from the 25th of October 1744 to the 25th of April 1745 and for Repairs to the Governors House being laid before the Board were allowed

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Northampton and that the following Persons be added vizt John Kendall Edward Robins John Wilkins George Kendall & John Darby and that the three first named be placed according to a former Recommendation and that one Half and one more be of the Quorum

On The Representation of Anthony Strother that he has at his own Expence provided a good sufficient Warehouse contiguous to the Public Warehouses at Fredericksburg in order to secure such Tobacco as he shall have inspected at any Time when there is not Room in the said Public Warehouses It is the opinion of this Board that the Inspectors may be at Liberty to make use of the said House the Keys remaining in their Hands for the Purposes aforementioned

Upon a Representation of Rice Curtis setting forth That by a Division of the Parish of Saint Margaret in Caroline County there are no more than five vestrymen qualified left in said Parish It is the opinion of this Board that the Freeholders are at Liberty to proceed to a new Election and that the Sherif be directed to summon them on a certain Day for that Purpose

On the Petition of John Robinson sen^{r} Esqr Thomas Nelson jun^{r} Esqr John Robinson jun^{r} Esqr William Beverley Robert Lewis Beverley Robinson Henry Weatherbourne John Lewis John Crag William Lewis John Wilson and Charles Lewis Leave is granted them to take up one hundred Thousand Acres lying on Green Brier River north West and West of the cow Pasture and Newfoundland "

and that four Years Time be allowed them to survey and pay Rights for the same upon Return of the Plans to the Secretarys Office

On the Petition of John Smith Zachary Lewis William Waller Ben Waller and Robert Green Leave is granted them to take up Fifty Thousand Acres in that Part of Orange which will be in the County of Augusta when that County shall take Place on the River and Branches of Roanoak and the Branches of James River and that four Years Time be allowed them to survey and Pay Rights for the same upon Return of the Plans &c

On the Petition of James Patten Robert Slaughter John Græme John Belfield John Tayloe jun^r William Green Richard Barnes James Gordon James Wood George Buchanan George Robinson James Bowey Robert Jackson William Parks John Preston Robert Gelchrest Richard Winslow John Roberts John Weatheral and James Johnston Leave is granted them to take up one hundred thousand acres lying in Augusta County on three Branches of Mississippi River the one known by the name of Woods River the other two to the westward thereof and on the Waters of the said River the said Land lying to the westward of a former order of Council granted to Zachary Lewis Gentleman and others and that four Years Time be allowed them to survey and pay Rights for the same upon Return of the Plans &c

On the Petition of Henry Downs John Blair jun^r John Willis George Taylor Edward Spencer Robert Slaughter Thomas Slaughter William Jackson Alexander Dunlop James Ewin and Edward Fuller Leave is granted them to take up Fifty Thousand Acres lying west of the Cow Pasture or Green Brier River and that four Years Time be allowed them to survey and pay Rights for the same upon Return of the Plans &c

At a Council held May 4, 1745

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Thomas Lee
John Grymes	Robert Dinwiddie
John Custis	Lewis Burwell &
Philip Lightfoot	William Fairfax Esq^rs

The Account of his Majestys Revenue of Two Shillings per hhd Port Duties &c from the Twenty Fifth of October 1744 to the Twenty Fifth of April 1745 being examined by the Dupyty [?] Auditor and made Oath to by the Receiver General were certified by the Governor as usual

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majestys Revenue of Two Shillings per Hhd Port Duties &c were signed by the Governor in Council &c

For half a years Salary to the Governor.....	£1000
For half a years Salary to the Council.....	300
To the Judges & al of the Court of Oyer & Termr..	100
For half a years Salary to the Auditor of the Plantations	50
Do to Sollicetor of Virginia Affairs.....	50
Do to Attorney General.....	35
Do to Clerk of the Council.....	50
Do to the ministers attending the General Court...	4
For half a years Salary to the Armouror.....	6
Do to Gunners of Batteries.....	23:10
For Repairs done to the Governors House.....	63:6sh
For Contingent Charges.....	348:17:4
For half a years Salary to the Adjutant.....	75:

On the Revenue of Quit Rents

To the Commissary.....	50
To the Attorney General.....	35

Ordered That the Receiver General pay to Mr Saml Baron Two hundred and Fifty Pounds for finishing the Plat-Form at Fort George and the Sum of Twenty one Pounds eight Shillings and four Pence to the Widdow Geddy due to the Estate of her late Husband for cleaning seven hundred Public Arms at the Magazine

Ordered That the General Assembly be further Prorogued to the Second Thursday in July and that a Proclamation[83] forthwith issue for that Purpose

On reconsidering the Petition of John Smith Zachary Lewis William Waller Benjamin Waller and Robert Green to renew an order of Council for one hundred thousand acres of Land granted

[83]See p. 480.

them Novr 3^{d} 1740 the said Order is renewed in Part and Leave is granted them to enter for & Survey 50,000 acres of Land in that Part of Orange which will be in the County of Augusta when that County shall take Place on the River and Branches of Roanoak and the Branches of James River on paying Rights for the same on their entering their Surveys in the Secretarys Office at any Time within four Years from this Time

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted

To Howell Briggs Theodric Bland Hugh Montgomery and Augustin Claiborne 6000 Acres lying between Atsomosock and Coppahawk Swamps in Albemarle Parish in Surry County

To Thomas Williams 4000 Acres lying on the Branches of Nottoway and Butterwood Swamp joining the Lines of Thomas Hardaway and Maj^{r} William Poythress

To William Cannon Leave is granted to include 800 Acres of Land in Goochland already Surveyed with 1,700 patented

To Ferquhard Grant 1000 Acres lying on the upper side of Butterwood Swamp in Prince George County adjoining the Lines of Francis Coleman Wyat Woodlief and others on the Old Field Branch

To John Thomas 3000 Acres beginning at the Fork of Maherrin River running up the north Fork to Major Drury Stiths Line on both sides the River thence up his Line to Meadow Creek thence up the said Creek to the Head thereof thence an East Course to Col^{o} Ambroses upper Corner to include all the Meadows thence down Col^{o} Ambroses Line to Michael McKies Line thence down his Line to Reedy Creek thence down Reedy Creek to include the 3000 Acres

George Deardin having an inclusive Patent for 516 Acres on the South side of Waqui Creek and having lately made two Entries thereunto adjoining and also purchased of James Pitillo 200 acres adjoining the said Lands in the County of Brunswick Leave is granted him to enter and Survey all the vacant Land joining the said Lands on both sides of the said Waqui and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole not exceeding 1700 Acres

To A. J. Smith Leave is granted to include in one Patent 800 acres already surveyed for him lying on the north Branches of Totier Creek in Albemarle County and Two hundred acres more of Kings Land on the East side thereof

To William Marrable and John Twitty 1200 Acres beginning at a Red Oak branded T. T. W. M. lying on the Fork of Maherin River running a west Course

To Ditto 5000 Acres between the Branches of Brackistone Creek and the Branches of Allens Creek beginning at a red Oak branded T. T. W. M. in Brunswick

To Edward Broadnax 5000 Acres on Miles Creek in Brunswick beginning at his Lower Corner running round his Land already Patented

To John Harris 1000 Acres on the south side of Maherin River in Brunswick on both sides of Buckhorn Creek and the said River

To Samuel Cobbs and William Watson 4000 Acres in Amelia beginning on Fergusons Line thence up and down the Branches of Maherin taking in the Ridge at the head of Bush River

To Thomas Jones Leave is granted to add 1200 Acres already entered with the Surveyor of Albemarle and 400 Acres already surveyed & not yet patented to 1200 Acres already Patented to himself and his Son John and William Jones on both sides of Slate River in Albemarle County and to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole

To Thomas Jones Leave is granted to take up 926 Acres in Brunswick joining 320 Acres already patented in his own Name 400 Patented to Thomas Jones jun^r and 354 already surveyed in his own Name and not yet patented and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole 400 of the above 926 acres being already entered with the Surveyor of Brunswick

To Joshua Fry James Ballow and Thomas Turpin 15000 Acres lying next above Cabell and Hopkins's Order for 6000 Acres granted May 6th 1743 on the Branches of Black Water Creek extending towards the River

To Francis Stegar Leave is granted to have a new Patent for 400 Acres granted to him before his Naturalization

To George Carrington Leave is granted to take up 50 Acres on the Branches [of] Randalls Creek in Albemarle County joining Isaac Bates and John Cannon and to include the same with 1700 patented to William Cannon 3167 patented to Isaac Bates 300 surveyed for Isaac Bates 700 surveyed for William Cannon 440 patented to Thomas Edwards 300 to John Cannon 400 surveyed for Job Thomas and 1950 surveyed for Petitioner and not Patented the whole amounting to 9997

To Clement Read 3500 Acres lying on the upper side of Little Roanoak in Brunswick including his Lands already surveyed

To Gideon Marr 3000 Acres beginning at a Spring in the head of Beaver Pond Branch thence a southwardly course along the Feet of Willis's Creek Mountains including the Foot of the Thorough Fare between the Great Mountain and the round Mountain thence a westward Course crossing the said Beaver Pond Branch and the Long Branch of Tongue Quarter Creek thence up the upper side of the said Long Branch including the small Branches thereof to continue the same Course far enough to include the whole between that Course and the Mountain

On the Petition of Edward Mackgehee setting forth that he had obtained an order December 15. 1742 for 4000 Acres between Bush and Briery Rivers in Amelia and that the Surveyor has laid off but 2000 it is ordered that the said Survey be opened and that Leave is granted him to add to the same 3000 Acres more

To Clement Read 6000 Acres beginning at Richard Taylors Line near the head of Rocky Creek in Albemarle on the north side of Slate River running thence westwardly to include the head Branches of a Creek commonly called the Great Creek of Slate River down the north side of the said Creek including the Branches thereof extending to the opposite Branches of James River thence to Slate River thence up the said River to the head of Rocky Creek

To Richard Jones 1000 Acres in Surry lying on both side Andersons Branch and both sides of his Plantation joining upon the Lands formerly belonging to William Bridges Robert Standford William Danzie William Bishop John Zell William Parr Thomas Harrison John Hatley Howell Briggs and William Partin

To John Twitty 800 Acres lying on the Forks of Citts Creek in Brunswick

To Godfree Jones 2000 Acres lying in Twittys Creek of Little Roanoak beginning at the Mouth of Rees his Branch running up both sides of each of the said Twittys Creek and Rees's Branch for Quantity

To Gilbert Ealam 116 Acres in Henrico County and to have the same included with 1090 Acres formerly granted to the said Ealom

The Collectors of His Majestys Revenue of two Shillings per hhd Port Duties &^{c} having represented to this Board the Difficulties they are subjected to at this particular Juncture on Account of the high Exchange the Masters of Ships insisting upon a Liberty of paying them in Current Money at the Rate of 25 per Cent instead of Bills of

Exchange and praying the Directions of this Board thereupon The Board having duly considered the Matter are of Opinion That when Masters of Ships render the Current Coin of England in Discharge of the Duties aforesaid the Officers must accept the same but may refuse every other Species of Money at what Rate soever in Lieu thereof the Difference of Exchange being fluctuated and not ascertained by Law

And it is ordered That if Officers Receive the Duties in the Current Coin of England they shall be allowed (upon making Oath thereof) an Eqivolent to the Difference betwixt that and the real Currency at which Bills may be purchased but if any voluntary Agreement with the Masters they shall take other Money than the Current Coin of England they shall be accountable themselves in Bills of Exchange

At a Council held June 12. 1745

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Thomas Lee
John Custis	Robert Denwiddie
Philip Lightfoot	Lewis Burwell &

William Fairfax Esq^{rs}

An Address of the Presbiteries of New Brunswick and New Castle to the Governor in vindication of their Conduct misrepresented was communicated by his Honour to this Board and read

The Governor was pleased to communicate to the Board the following Letters vizt

A Letter from Commodore Warren dated 12th May signifying That the New England Troops have taken Possession of one of the Enemys most considerable Batteries at Luousburg [?][84] and the Blockade of the City and desiring an Assistance of Men and Provisions

A Letter from the Governor of New York dated April 15th signifying his having received an Account from the West Indies of the Arrival of seven Sail of French Ships of War with upwards of Twenty Sail of Transports and 3600 Troops at Martinico immediately on the Receipt thereof the Governor acquainted the Board that he sent the necessary Orders to the Commanding Officers of the lower Counties

[84] *I. e.* Louisburg. The original spelling was corrected erroneously and the word is partly illegible.

to have the Militia in Readiness and to keep a constant diligent Look Out

A Letter from Capt Douglas of the Mermaid purporting his accompanying Commodore Warren to assist the Expedition against Louisburg and his Intention of returning to his Station here when that is over and his Advice to fit out a Vessel to guard our Coast in the Interim[85]

On the Petition of the Indians of Nottoway against Walter Bailey of Surry County setting forth that he was allowed an Account of £19: as a national Debt against them by the Trustees whereas the said Account if any was due to him was for Debt contracted by the Tuscarora and Seven Indians who are no way intituled to any part of the Money arising by the Sale of the Lands of the Petitioners praying that the said Walters [*sic*] may be compelled to render a particular Account of his Debt aforesaid and of the Persons who contracted the same It is Ordered that the Trustees be summoned to attend the Governor upon the Subject Matter of the said Petition

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Louisa and that Thomas Walker Roger Thompson and Joseph Morton be added

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Fairfax that George Fairfax be of the Quorum and John West William Peak Andrew Hutchinson and John Muddleton be added

Ordered That a new Commission issue for Leave [*sic*][86] Lancaster County and that Rawley Chin and George Payne be added

Ordered That a new Commission issue for Westmoreland County that Mr Willoughby Newton be put in his old Place after Mr Monroe and William Fitzhugh Gawin Corbin Richard Jackson and Nic^{s} Min[or][87] be added

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[85]Following the reference to this communication from Captain Douglas, *Coun. Min. Bk., 1740-47*, p. [55], shows "L^{r} from Col. Conway &c read."

[86]The word is somewhat blurred and blotted, and erasure may have been intended.

[87]This word has been blotted but the corresponding entry in *Coun. Min. Bk., 1740-47*, p. [55], shows it to be Minor. *Cf.* order adding this name to commission of the peace for Westmoreland County, p. 103.

The Governor was pleased to appoint the Persons herein after named to be Sherifs of the following Counties viz[t88]

Louisa	Ambrose Joshua Smith
Charles City	Edmund Eppes
Stafford	Mott Donaphon
James City	John Warburton
Prince George	Anthony Penniston
Prince William	John Crumpe
Goochland	Isaac Bates
Brunswick	William Haygood
Caroline	Richard Taliaferro
Accomack	John Wise
Henrico	William Gay
Frederick	Thomas Chester
Northampton	Ralph Pigett
Orange	Thomas Chew
Westmoreland	William Tyler
Amelia	Samuel Tarry
Northumberland	Travers Colston
Princess Anne	James Condon
Norfolk	Josiah Smith

Ordered That the Receiver General send for thirty Barrels of Powder

Ordered That the General Assembly be further Prorogued to the last Thursday in August next and that a Proclamation forthwith issue for that Purpose

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted

To Peter Brooks 900 Acres in Albemarle County joining 1200 already patented and to be included in one Patent

To Robert Todd David Bell and Archibald Cary 20,000 Acres on Smiths River in Brunswick running up and down the said River for Complement

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[88]The corresponding list, evidently incomplete and inconclusive, in *Coun. Min. Bk., 1740-47*, p. [55]-[56], shows various differences: "Spotsylv[a] [?]—W[m] Robinson," struck out; "Nansemond—Ed[rd] Wright," and "York—Sam[l] Read," apparently struck out; the phrase "to lye by" after Thomas Chester for Frederick County and Thomas Chew for Orange County, with a reference after Chester to a footnote, "y[t] y[e] Court appoint proper Persons to come down"; and the entries for Princess Anne and Norfolk counties omitted. However, the latter appear in the minutes of the following meeting, June 13, on p. [56] of this minute book.

To John Hodnet 2000 Acres including 800 already patented in Albemarle formerly Goochland and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

To Christopher Parsons 2000 Acres including his Land already surveyed on Cubb Creek in Brunswick

To Stephen Evans 3000 Acres including 804 already surveyed on the Branches of Blewstone Creek in Brunswick

To John Macklan 3000 Acres on the heads of the Branches of Mitchels and Allens Creek including his Plantation in Brunswick

To James Macklan 1200 Acres including a small Survey of 120 Acres in Brunswick

To William Callaway 2000 Acres on the Branches of Otter River including his Land already surveyed in Brunswick

To Edward Calwall 3000 Acres including his Land already surveyed on Couches Creek in Brunswick

To Joseph Thomas 300 Acres joining 400 already surveyed and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

To James Murray 2000 Acres in Brunswick on the north Prong of the Eastern Branch of Blewstone including 800 Acres already surveyed

To Moses Johnson beginning at a White Oak of Henry Beddingfields Line on the East side of Beddingfields Creek thence running a Southeast Course across the Country on Roanoak Road thence south by West to the Country Line thence including all the waste Land between the said Country Line and Beddingfields Line aforesaid and John Beddingfields Line and on the south side of Fountains Creek joining upon Henry Beddingfields Land aforesaid and John Beddingfilds [*sic*] Lines including 2500 Acres

William Morris having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to John New for 315 Acres on the South side of Butcher Creek in Brunswick It appearing by the Return of the Sherif that the Defendant is not to be found It is ordered That Morris have a Patent for the said Land

William Sandige having entered a Caveat against Henry Elly and John Jones for one thousand Acres they had an Order for as Lapsed from Joseph Roberts the Def^{ts} having been summoned and not appearing It is ordered that the Pl^{t} have a Patent for the said Land

Richard Wynn having entered a Caveat against John Murphy for 400 Acres in Brunswick on Dry Creek near or joining Fishers Line On hearing the Parties for Reasons appearing to the Board It is ordered

That the Plaintif have a Patent for the Land on paying the Rights and Patent Fee

At a Council held June 13. 1745

Present
The Governor

John Robinson
John Custis
Thomas Lee
Lewis Burwell &
William Fairfax Esq^{rs}

Ordered That Samuel Boush jun^{r} be appointed Coroner for the County of Norfolk

Ordered That William Gay and John Coles be appointed Coroners for Henrico

Ordered That John Jones and Matthew Wills be appointed Coroners for Warwick

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted

To Thomas Williams 2,000 Acres lying on both sides of Nottoway River in Amelia and Brunswick including other Lands already surveyed

To Thomas Williams 1000 Acres lying upon Hatchers Run in Prince George including 200 already surveyed

To Peter Jefferson and Charles Lynch 3000 Acres including 2400 by them entered with the Surveyor of Albemarle in several Surveys lying on the south side of the Fluvanna in [*or* on] its Branches and the Branches of Black Water

To William Stith Clk Leave is granted to take up and add to 555 Acres he now holds on the Fluvanna at Judys Creek in Albemarle so as to make his Quantity 2500 Acres on both sides of the River including the Islands and runing back on Black Water and Harris's Creeks and other small Streams for his said Quantity all to be taken into one inclusive Patent

He also has Leave to join two Tracts of Land at the Poplar Forest in the said County of Albemarle the one Contain^{g} 1172 Acres and the other 939 and to take in the Land round his Bounds so as to make up the Quantity four thousand Acres passing the Ridge between the Waters of James River and Roanoak all to be taken into one inclusive Patent including likewise 200 Acres which he purposes to purchase of Francis Callaway

To James Oliver Two thousand Acres in Brunswick beginning at Degraffenreid's uper Corner on the Eaast Fork of Ledbetters Creek including the Branches of Dry Creek Great Nottoway and Swish Creek

On the Petition of John Chiswell setting forth he obtained a Patent for two thousand four hundred an sixty Acres in Goochland dated March 26th 1739 and that a Mistake has been lately found in the Survey and that there is no more than two thousand two hundred Acres or thereabouts within the Lines markt on the Land Leave is granted him to take up and Survey Land enough to make up the Quantity expressed in the Patent and to have a new Patent for the whole

James Pittillo having entered a Caveat against Joseph Tucker junr for three hundred Acres more or Less lying near or upon the Flat Branch and near or adjoining Sears and Evans Land in Prince George on hearing the Parties It is ordered that the said Caveat be dismissed with Costs

William Holden having entered a Caveat against Thomas Barnes for one hundred Acres or thereabouts lying in Isle of Wight County on the South side of Sea Cocke Swamp joining Bartholomew Andersons Land the Parties having been heard by their Council It is ordered that Plt have a Patent for the Land

James Sheppard having entered a Caveat against Richard Dammerils for one hundred and fifty acres lying on the north side of Hardaway River the Parties having been heard for reasons appearing to the Board It is ordered that the Plt have a Patent for the Land

Abram Martin having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to John Ornsby Clk for Six hundred Acres in Brunswick lying on the first Fork of Little Roanoak on hearing Council on both sides It is ordered that the said Caveat be dismissed in Part and that the Deft Ornsby have a Patent for 554 Acres surveyed for him

Samuel Cobbs having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to George Harrison for Two hundred Acres of Land lying on both sides of the north Fork of Sandy River it appearing by the Return of the Sherif that the Defendant is run away It is ordered that the Plt have a Patent for the said Land

Samuel Winn having entered a Caveat against William Read for four hundred Acres lying on the south side of the Bawdy Creek

the Pl^{t} appearing and it appearing by the Sherifs Return of the Summons that the Def^{t} is not to be found Ordered that Pl^{t} have a Patent

James Nevill having entered a Caveat against John Johns for three hundred Acres lying on the south fork of Rock Fish River in Goochland the Parties being heard by their Council It is ordered that the said Caveat be dismist and that the Def^{t} pay Costs

Richard Stockton having entered a Caveat against David Kincaid for four hundred Acres in Albemarle on both sides of Stocktons Branch of Mechemps River the Pl^{t} having been summoned and not appearing It is ordered that the Pl^{t} have a Patent for the Land

Drury Tucker having entered a Caveat against Henry Trent for four hundred Acres in Albemarle on Rock Fish Creek joining one Tindals Line and the Wolf Trap Branch It is ordered that the Pl^{t} have a Patent

Joseph Dabbs having entered a Caveat against John Allen for four hundred Acres lying upon Soaks a Branch of Willis's River It is ordered that the Pl^{t} have a Patent for the said Land

James Pitillo having entered a Caveat against John Clark for Two hundred Acres in Brunswick lying between Col^{o} Embrys Richard Morey and John Robertson for Reasons appearing to the Board It is ordered that the said Caveat be dismist and that the Pl^{t} pay Costs

James Pittillo having entered a Caveat against William Broadnax for four hundred Acres lying on Reedy Creek near or joining Ralph Jackson in Brunswick Ordered That Pl^{t} have a Patent for the said Land

George Robinson having entered a Caveat against George Randall for Seventy five acres in Surry joining the said George Robinson on hearing Council on both sides It is ordered that the Pl^{t} have a Patent

On the Petition of Jonathan Ambrose and Elizabeth Benson Widow Leave is granted them to take out a Patent for one hundred and thirty Two Acres of Land lying in the Parish and County of Accomack found to escheat from Bartholomew Asgood vizt one moiety thereof to Elizabeth for her Life Remainder to Ambrose in Fee and the other Moiety to Jonathan in fee

At a Council held August 6, 1745

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Thomas Lee
John Grymes	Robert Denwiddie &
John Custis	Lewis Burwell Esq^{rs}

His Majesty's Letter and Sign Manual dated 15th Novem^{r} 1744 appointing John Blair Esqr one of His Majestys Council of State for this Colony having been read he accordingly upon taking the oaths appointed by Act of Parliament and the Oath of Office took his Place at the Board

Present
John Blair Esqr

The Account of his Majestys Quit Rents from the 25th of April 1744 to the 25 of April 1745 being examined by the Deputy Auditor and made Oath to by the Receiver General was certified by the Governor as usual

On the Petition of John Stith Leave is granted him to take up one thousand Acres in Brunswick lying between the Great Creek and Shining Creek on or near his Land there

The Governor was pleased to communicate to the Board a Letter from the Governor of New England dated July 3^{d} and one from Commodore Warren dated June 24th signifying the Surrender of Louisburg to the Obedience of his Majesty and desiring the Aid of this Government upon reading which It is the Advice of this Board that his Honour write in Answer to the said Letters That this Board has come to Resolution of assisting the Garrison with a Quantity of Provisions and Ammunition but expect Mr Warren will send a Man of War for the same to prevent their falling into the Enemys Hands and

Ordered That the Stores Sent in for Supply of His Majestys Ship Hastings be issued to Mr Warren for the above Service and

That the following Provisions be purchased vizt 70,000^{lb} w^{t} of Bread 200 Barrels of Pork 100 Barrels of Beef that £100 be laid out in Live Stock £60 in Wine and £50 in Tobacco and that Alexander McKenzie Robert Tucker and Archibald Taylor be appointed Commissioners for the said Purposes

Ordered That the Officers of His Majestys Customs be required not to clear out any Ship or Vessell that has any Beef Pork or Bread aboard but what is necessary for their own Companys Subsistance

It is the advice of this Board that the Rawleigh Privateer be immediately hired for the Service of the Government to Cruise for two Months

The Governor was pleased to communicate to the Board a Letter from the Governor of Pensilvania with a Copy of one to him from Conrad Weiser purporting that the six Nations were not disposed to travel to Philadelphia in the Fall but were willing to meet the Cattawbaws there next Spring and to enter into Terms of a lasting Friendship and promised in the mean Time to give them no Disturbance

Ordered That the Assembly be further prorogued to the first Thursday in November next and that a Proclamation do forthwith issue for that Purpose

At a Council held September 10th 1745

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Robert Denwiddie
John Grymes	Lewis Burwell &
Philip Lightfoot	John Blair Esqrs

The Governor was pleased to communicate to the Board a Letter from the Governor of New York dated August 24th with a Copy of one to him from the Commissioners of Indian Affairs together with their Minutes of the ninth and twelfth of the said Month purporting the delusive Artifices and Intrigues of the French to induce the Indians of the six Nations to Revolt and of their having accepted from the Govenor of Canada Belts of Wampum containing the Figure of a Hatchett to carry to their respective Castles and there deliberate upon That he had appointed fourth of October next for a Meeting and Conference with them in order to retain them in their Fidelity to His Majesty and firm to their Engagements signifying also that the Presence of Deputies from this Government would very much contribute thereto Upon reading and due Consideration whereof It is the Advice of this Board that the Governor

return for Answer that it cant reasonably be expected for this Government at this Season and so short warning to send Deputies to assist at the proposed Conference that this Board has resolved upon making a Present to the said Indians of 40 Oz: of Gold and desire the Governor of New York to tender it to them in the Name of Virginia To rejoice with us upon the Success of His Majestys Arms and a Token of our Aimity and Regard for them And to acquaint him that Mr Cary Merchant in London will be ordered by the Receiver General to answer his Bill for that Sum

The Accounts of the Commissioners appointed for purchasing Provisions for the Garrison of Louisbourg were laid before the Board and Ordered to be referred to Mr Auditor for his Examination

Ordered That a Proclamation[89] issue to take off the Prohibition against exporting any Provisions

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Surry and that the following Persons be added vizt Philip Lightfoot Junior Patrick Adams Lemuel Cocke Robert Gray John Harris Richard Blunt James Gee Peter Green Thomas Holt William Edwards William Short William Clynch and Richard Hamlin

Ordered That Edmund Smith be appointed Coroner for the County of York

At a Council held October 15th 1745

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	William Fairfax &
John Custis	John Blair Esq^rs^

His Majestys Letter and Sign Manual dated 17th of April 1745 appointing William Nelson Esqr one of his Majestys Council of State for this Colony also a Letter from the Lords Justices dated the 20th May 1745 appointing William Dawson Clerk One of his Majestys Council of State for this Colony having been read they accordingly upon taking the Oath of Office were admitted to their Places at the Board

[89]See pp. 480-481.

At a Council held October 17th 1745

Present the Governor

John Robinson	Thomas Lee	John Blair
John Grymes	Lewis Burwell	William Nelson Esqrs
Philip Lightfoot	William Fairfax	William Dawson Clk

The Governor was pleased to communicate to the Board a Letter from Captain Policarpus Taylor Commander of his Majestys Ship Fowey dated October 14th signifying that he is directed by the Lords of the Admiralty to careen the said Ship under his Command every Six Months which Time is now elapsed that the Careening Place at Norfolk is destroyed and further that it will be imposible for him to preserve his men there having two hundred impressed men on Board and desiring the Opinion of this Board in Regard to careening at Antigua at the same Time were read his Instructions from the Lords of the Admiralty the Consideration of which was deferred

The Governor communicated to the Board a Letter from the Messenger to the Cattawbaws purporting that they could not listen to any Proposals of Peace with the six Nations till they had received some Presents from them with the Marks of the head Men that Philadelphia was too remote a Place for them to go and treat at but upon receiving a Token they were willing to meet at Virginia they further request the Governor to intercede on their Behalf that none of the Six Nations may molest them this Winter in their hunting Grounds promising on their Parts to give them no Disturbance

His Majesty's Warrant directing the Governor to issue his Warrants for applying and paying £1620:2:11 for Presents to the Six Nations of Indians for Rewards to the Commissioners and defraying the Expences on renewing Treaties with the said Indians was read

Present

John Custis Esqr

William Fairfax Esqr Agent to the Lord Fairfax produced to the Board his Majestys Order in Council of the eleventh of April 1745 declaring and ascertaining the Boundary of the northern neck which being read the Receiver General desired the Opinion of the Board whether the Quit rents in the late controverted Lands were to be de-

manded by him for his Majesty for the Year 1745 Whereupon William Fairfax Esqr moved that before the Board gave their Opinions he might be heard by Council which was granted

His Majestys Warrant dated 22^{d} January 1744 directed to the Receiver General for the Payment of £5000 to Peter Leheup Esqr out of the Quit rents for special Services with his Receipt for the same was produced and read

At a Council held October 23^{d} 1745

Present—The Governor

John Robinson	William Fairfax
John Custis	John Blair
Philip Lightfoot	William Nelson Esq^{rs} &
Thomas Lee	William Dawson Clk
Lewis Burwell	

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Augusta and Orange praying that the Division of that County might take Place was considered and posponed

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Henrico and that the following Persons be added Viz^{t} Richard Eppes Seth Ward William Finney and John Royal and that John Nash and Benjamin Harris be left out

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of York that Thomas Nelson Esqr be at the head of the Comission William Lightfoot of the Quorum and Mordica Booth and Thomas Reynolds be added

Upon hearing Edmund Jennings Esqr Council for Lord Fairfax and on due Consideration of his Majestys Order expressed in these Words "And where upon such Grants Quit-Rents are reserved that he the said Lord Fairfax shall be intituled to demand and receive the same from the Grantees to his own Use and Benefit from the Time that this Order shall be made known to the said Governor and to his Majestys Receiver General of the Quit Rents in that Province"

Absent

William Fairfax Esqr

It is the Opinion of the Board that Lord Fairfax has no Right to the said Quit Rents for the Year 1745

Present

William Fairfax Esqr

Upon hearing Council on a Dispute between the Proprietors of the Land where the Warehouses were first appointed to be erected by Law on Gibsons Land in the County of King George and Thomas Turner Gent It is the Opinion of the Board That the Warehouses erected on Gibsons Land now held by John Moore as Dower in Right of his Wife are the Warehouses appointed by Law and that the Rents are to be paid by the Inspectors to the said Moore

Ordered That the Assembly be further prorogued to the second Thursday in January next and that a Proclamation do forthwith issue for that Purpose

The Petition of Charles Seabrook sitting forth that he was master of the Ship Edward and in his Passage home was taken with his said Ship and Cargo praying that the Impost and Tunnage might be ordered to be refunded was rejected

At a Council held October 29th 1745

Present

The Governor

John Robinson	Lewis Burwell
John Grymes	William Fairfax
John Custis	John Blair
Philip Lightfoot	William Nelson Esq^{rs} &
Thomas Lee	William Dawson Clk

The Accounts of Contingent Charges from the 25th of April 1745 to the 25th of October 1745 and for Repairs to the Governors House being laid before the Board were allowed

On the Motion of the Officers of His Majestys Revenue they are impowered to sign Rights to the Value of five hundred Pounds and the Receiver General is to issue them as usual

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of King and Queen and that Richard Corbin Gent. be put in his former Place

Ordered That a new Comission issue for the County of Middlesex and that Sir Grey Skipwith Knight and Baronet and Mr Robert Elliot be added

Upon reconsidering Captain Taylors Letter It is the Opinion of the Board that he may careen his Majestys Ship under his Command here that it will be of the greatest Danger to this Colony if he should be permitted to go for that Purpose to the West Indies and the Council cannot consent to his Departure

The Board again took into Consideration the Petition of the Inhabitants of Augusta and Orange and being satisfied that there is a sufficient Number of Tithables in the Bounds of Augusta to support the charges of a County It is ordered That the said County immediately take Place and that a Commission of the Peace issue for the said County and the following Persons be Justices Viz^{t} James Patton John Lewis John Buchanan George Robinson Peter Shull James Bell Robert Campbell John Brown Robert Page John Pickens Thomas Lewis Hugh Thompson Robert Cuningham John Finla Richard Woods John Christian Robert Craven James Kerr Adam Dickenson and Andrew Packins and that the House built by Colonel Beverley on his Mill Place be used at present as their Courthouse

The Auditor reporting that he had examined the Accounts of the Commissioners appointed for purchasing Provisions for the Garrison at Louisbourg referred to him by this Board the said Accounts were approved by the Council

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Hanover and that the following Persons be added vizt John Dixon Gent of the Quorum Thomas Meriwether William Taylor and Robert Jennings

At a Council held November 4. 1745

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Lewis Burwell
John Grymes	William Fairfax
John Custis	John Blair
Philip Lightfoot	William Nelson Esq^{rs} &
Thomas Lee	William Dawson Clk

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The Account of his Majestys Revenue of 2/ per hhd Port Duties &^{c} from the 25th of April 1745 to the 25th of October 1745 being examined by the Deputy Auditor and made Oath to by the Receiver General were certified to the Governor as usual

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majestys Revenue of 2/ per Hhd Port Duties &c were signed by the Governor in Council

For half a years Salary to the Governor	£1000
For half a years Salary to the Council	300
To the Judges and al of the Court of Oyer & Terminer	100
For half a Years Salary to the Auditor of Plantations	50
D° to Sollicitor of Virginia Affairs	50
D° to Attorney General	35
D° to Clk of the Council	50
To the Ministers attending one General Court	6
For half a Years Salary to Armourer	6
D° to Gunners of the Batteries	23:10
For Repairs to the Governors House	103:12: 3
For contingent Charges	935: 0:11
For half a Years Salary to the Adjutant	75:
For Costs and Charges of 50 Barrels of Gun Powder	226: 6: 8
For Charge of Provisions sent to the Relief of Louisbourg	1272:11: 2

On the Revenue of Quit Rents

To the Commissary	50
To the Attorney General	35
On his Majestys Warrant for Expences on renewing Treaties with the Six Nations of Indians	1620: 2:11

Ordered That Joshua Fry Lunsford Lomax & Peter Hedgman Gent. be appointed Commissioners to run and mark out the Boundary and Dividing Line between Virginia and the Lord Fairfax's Land

The Governor being pleased to acquaint the Board that he had appointed Adam Muir Gent. to be Naval Officer in Port Accomack on the Eastern Shore he was approved of by the Council

Ordered That Morgan Morgan Daniel Vans & Solomon Hedges be appointed Coroners for the County of Frederick

Ordered a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Stafford and that Henry Fitzhugh junr William Walker Benja Strother & Charles Waller be added

On the Petition of Rebecca Banton setting forth that Henry Fleet dec[d] by his last Will and Testament left her a Negro Boy Slave christen'd James to serve her till he attained the Age of twenty four Years and that she then obtain his Freedom the said Fleet having had a great Regard for the said Slave on account of his Fidelity and good Service praying That the said Slave may be now set free Ordered That Leave be granted to the Petitioner to manumit and set free the said Negro named James immediately according to her Prayer

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted

To Abram Jones two thousand Acres in Brunswick joining Jones's Line on Barlers Branch running toward the Pidgeon Roost for complement

To Jonathan Ashworth two thousand Acres beginning upon Aaron Williams upon the north side of Staunton River up the River to Charles Allens Line at the Mouth of Sanday Creek thence along this Line to Henry Runnels up the River thence up the Creek on both sides taking in several Entries belonging to him and the adjacent Land containing two thousand Acres in Brunswick

To William Howell to include two Tracts of Land one lying in Isle of Wight County containing two hundred and thirty Acres the other lying in Surry contiguous thereto containing one hundred and eighty Acres and that the Surveyor of Surry return an inclusive Certificate for the whole

To John Coles three thousand acres lying on the south side of Staunton River in Brunswick beginning on Childrey Creek running up and extending to Terrible Difficult and Cattawbas Creeks including both sides each Creek for Quantity

To Nicholas Davis an inclusive Patent for five Tracts of Land lying in Albemarle on each side the Fluvanna River one Tract of eight hundred and thirty one Acres surveyed for him in 1742 one of Six hundred and thirty three one of one hundred and sixty seven another of two hundred and thirty five another of two hundred and three and Leave to take up two Islands on the said River supposed to be fifty Acres each and a Quantity of Land not exceeding three thousand Acres joining the s[d] Lands or lying between them in such manner so that the Improvements now made or making may extend to the whole

To Johua Rowland eight hundred Acres on the Head of the Raccoon Swamp in Surry beginning at Sarah Owens Corner Tree and running by her Line to the Raccoon Swamp aforesaid thence up the Swamp a Mile then from the Swamp to Thomas Atkinsons Line and by

Atkinsons Line to John Bells Line and from thence to Silv. Stokes Line and by the said Stokes Line to Sarah Owens Line and by her Line to the Beginning

To Roger Tilman 100 Acres in Brunswick beginning on Sandy Creek and thence running to Mr Clacks Line and from thence to Hicks Line[90]

To Israel Brown Two thousand Acres on both sides of Flat Rock Creek in Brunswick beginning at John Ruchells Corner on the north side thereof thence down and over the said Creek including his Plantation in the said Quantity

To Obediah Woodson one thousand Acres lying on the south side of the Buffalo Run a Branch of Otter River in Brunswick and to have an inclusive Patent for the same with Six hundred Acres already surveyed

To Owan Evan Owen Six hundred Acres lying upon the south side of James River in Henrico

To Matthew Tolbuts and Thomas Jones four thousand Acres beginning on Joseph Mortons Line on Spring Creek of Little Roanoak running up both sides the said Creek and including the Branches of Ash Camp Creek of the said Little Roanoak

To Clement Read Nich^s^ Edmunds William Wynn and Robert Jones jun^r^ ten thousand Acres beginning at the Mouth of Marrowbone Creek a Branch of the Irvin River running up both sides of the said Creek for Quantity lying in Brunswick County

To Clement Read William Wynne Nic^s^ Edmunds and Robert Jones jun^r^ Ten thousand Acres in Brunswick beginning at the Mouth of Buttrum Town Creek a Branch of the Irvin River and running up both sides of the said Creek for Quantity

To Henry Barker one thousand five hundred acres in Surry on Town Creek including the Plantation whereon he lives and joining the Lands of David Jones Walter Lashly John Barker Peter Bagley and John Tomlinson

To Nic^s^ Edmunds Clement Read and William Wynne Ten thousand Acres in Brunswick beginning at the Mouth of Buffalo Creek a Branch of the Irvin River and running up the same for Quantity

To Clement Read three thousand five hundred Acres lying on Sturgeon Run in Brunswick beginning on Davis's Line and so to include the said Reads other Lands

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[90]This entry is inserted in a different handwriting.

To Michael Cadet Young one thousand Acres on Sturgeon Run in Brunswick beginning on Davis's Line including his Lands already Surveyed

To John Blair Esqr William Russell Thomas Lewis Robert Green Adam Dickenson John Blair jun^{r} Thomas Hornsby William Buck Edward Fuller William Graves William Green Robert Green jun^{r} John Finlyon Samuel Ball Thomas Gordon Andrew Lewis John Dickenson and John Anderson Leave is granted to take up one hundred Thousand Acres of Land lying to the westward of the Line of Lord Fairfax on the Waters of Potomak and Youghyoughgane and to be allowed four Years Time to survey and pay Rights for the same upon Return of the Plans to the Secretarys Office

On the Petition of Richard Randolph Gent Leave is granted to join with him Richard Randolph jun^{r} Brett, Rial, Isham, William, Thomas, Jos. and Edward Randolph in an Order obtained June 12th 1740 by him the said Richard Randolph Gent. with Isham and Edward Randolph for Sixty thousand Acres in Brunswick at the great Mountains upon the north and south Forks of Otter River and on both sides of Staunton River and the several Branches thereof and the Branches of Goose Creek &^{c} and each Person is allowed one Survey

On the Petition of James Clack and Sterling Clack setting forth that they lately purchased of one Robert Munford dec^{d} in his lifetime three thousand five hundred acres or thereabouts in Brunswick and that the said Sterling with Nic^{s} Edmunds and Drury Stith obtained an Order for three thousand acres joining thereto and that the said Nic^{s} and Drury have lately assigned their Interest in the said Order to the Petitioners Leave is grant^{d} them to survey and include the said several Peices of Land in one Patent

At a Council held December 11th 1745

Present
The Governor

John Custis	John Blair
Thomas Lee	William Nelson Esq^{rs} &
Lewis Burwell	William Dawson Clk

On the Petition of several Masters of Merchant Ships now riding in this Colony praying this Board to interpose in their Behalf

and to prevail with Capt Gayton Commander of His Majesty's Ship Mermaid to defer his Departure til the 15th of next Month It is the advice of the Board that the Governor will be pleased to write to Capt Gayton to that Purpose

On the Petition of Abram Newton a Mulatto setting forth that he being Husband of Elizabeth Young a free Mulatto was purchased by her and lived with her til her Death and that the said Elizabeth by a writing under her Hand gave the Petitioner his Discharge after her Death and praying the Board to grant or confirm to him his freedom Ordered That the Party who claims a Property in him be summoned to appear and shew Cause there upon why his prayer shall not be granted

Upon a Representation and complaint of William Eaton against John Cox Keeper of the Goal in Brunswick County suggesting that one Thomas Havard was committed for Felony to the Custody of the said Cox and by the Assistance of the said Cox had made his Escape. It is ordered That the Attorney General have Notice to prosecute the said Cox for the same

Upon the application of William Wilkinson Master of the Sloop Endeavour hired by the Government to carry Provisions to Louisbourg for the Service of the Garrison there praying Satisfaction for his being detained there beyond the Time contracted for Ordered That Twenty two Pounds be allowed for the Sloop for Demurrage and five Pounds for the Privilege of the Deck and that the Receiver General pay the same

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for Charles City County and that James Johnson Henry Soane & William Stith be added

Ordered That the Receiver General pay to Mr Samuel Baron the further Sum of one hundred Pounds for perfecting the Plat Form at Fort George

Ordered That the General Assembly be further Prorogued to the third Thursday in May next and that a Proclamation[91] do forthwith issue for that Purpose

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted

To Step. Roberts and John Clay three thousand Acres in Brunswick lying upon Maherin River between the Head of Nottoway

[91]See p. 481.

River and the Head of Blew stone Creek and the head of Little Roanoak the head of Briery River and the head of Bush River

To John Baldwin Two thousand Acres beginning on the head of Brick Branch running down both sides the Branch including the Branches of Senaka Creek and Staunton River in Brunswick

At a Council held at the Governors House
January 15. 1745[/46]

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	John Blair
John Custis	William Nelson Esq^{rs} &
Lewis Burwell	William Dawson Clk

The Governor was pleased to signify to the Council that he judged it for his Majestys Service and the honour and Interest of the Colony that the General Assembly should meet as soon as possible and desired their Advice concerning the most proper Time It is the opinion of this Board and accordingly Ordered That the said Assembly which stood prorogued to the third Thursday in May do meet the third Thursday in February next and that a Proclamation[92] do forthwith issue for that Purpose

And the Governor recommending to the Consideration of the Board the present horrid Rebellion against His Majestys Crown and Government

It is ordered That the 26th of February next be observed as a General Fast for obtaining Pardon for our Sins and imploring the Divine Blessing and assistance on the arms of his Majesty against all his Enemies Foreign and Domestic in a more especial manner against the Pretender and all his Adherents and for restoring and perpetuating Peace Safety & Prosperity to his Majestys and his Kingdoms and Dominions and that a Proclamation[93] issue accordingly

[92]See p. 482.
[93]See p. 482.

At a Council held February 25. 1745 [/46][94]

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Lewis Burwell
John Custis	William Fairfax
Thomas Lee	John Blair Esq^{rs} &

William Dawson Clk

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Nansemond and that Anthony Holladay and Josiah Reddick be added[95]

The Governor was pleased to communicate to the Board a Letter from Capt Taylor Commander of His Majesty's Ship Fowey dated February 6th signifying his Intention of proceeding with the Forces to Louisbourg with a Copy of Admiral Warrens Orders to him to be in Louisbourg Harbour by the 10th or 15th of March &^{c} and also a List of Negros employed on board the Fowey between the 18th of November 1745 and the 17th of January following the Charges thereof amounting to £227:16:8. which account was referred to Mr Auditor for his Examination

The Governor communicated to the Board an Answer from the Cattawbas to his Message to that Nation advising them of an Attack intented against them expressing their hearty Thanks and grateful Acknowledgments of the Care taken by this Government of their Preservation

Ordered That the Receiver General pay to Mr Henry Morris Messenger to the Cattawbas the Sum of Twenty five Pounds for his Trouble

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[94]The minutes of this meeting, as found in *Coun. Min. Bk., 1740-47,* p. [57], show an additional entry: "Pet of ye Justices of Mid^{x} recd."

[95]The corresponding entry in *Coun. Min. Bk., 1740-47,* p. [57], concludes "& y^{t} one half & one more be of ye Quorum."

At a Council held March 4, 1745[/46][96]

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	William Fairfax
John Custis	John Blair
Thomas Lee	William Nelson Esq^{rs} &
Lewis Burwell	William Dawson Clk

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Prince George and that the following Persons be added vizt Anthony Walke jun^{r} William Broadnax Thomas Eldridge William Haly James Murray Thomas Hall Alexander Bolling Thomas Poythress and John Jones

At a Council held March 7. 1745[/46]

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	William Fairfax
John Custis	John Blair
Thomas Lee	William Nelson Esq^{rs} &
Lewis Burwell	William Dawson Clk

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Stafford and that the following Persons be in it vizt Townsend Dade Peter Hedgman John Lee Henry Washington Robert Massie Philip Alexander John Hooe Richard Bernard Richard Foot Mott Donaphant John Peyton Peter Daniel William Fitzhugh Senr Quorum Henry Fitzhugh Junr William Walker Benjamin Strother Charles Waller James Waugh and Nathaniel Chapman

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Lancaster and that George Conway and Joseph McAdam be added

[96]The minutes of this meeting, as found in *Coun. Min. Bk., 1740-47,* p. [57], show two additional entries: "Pet. for removing Caroline Court House Or^{d} to lye," and "Pet from Stafford signifying ye sevral[?] in ye Com of ye Peace are not resident in ye County & praying a Remedy—ye Consid. thereof postpond."

A Letter from James Patten dated February 27. was read complaining of the Inconveniency of the Place where the Court House for Augusta County is at present held and desiring That the same may be fixed by the Voice of the freeholders upon hearing Mr Beveley Mr Wilson Mr Cunningham and Mr Lewis it is

Ordered That a Plat of the County be made and that the Court appoint proper Persons to come down and attend the second Tuesday in June next when the Council will again take this Matter into Consideration[97]

At a Council held March 13. 1745[/46]

Present

The Governor	William Fairfax
John Robinson	John Blair
John Custis	William Nelson Esqrs &
Thomas Lee	William Dawson Clk
Lewis Burwell	

On the Application of Littleton Eyre to this Board in pursuance of an Order of Vestry held for Hungars Parish the 17th of February last for the Freedom of a Slave named Isaac Darling which belonged to Peter Bowdoin Gent dece'd who by his last Will set him at Liberty It is

Ordered That Leave be granted to manumit and set free the said Slave according to the Will of the said Peter Bowdoin decd and the Petition of the said Vestry

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Accomack and that the following Persons be in it vizt Edmund Scarburgh Anderson Patterson John Wiese Littleton Scarburgh Thomas Teakle Taylor William Bevan William Bagge Quorum Henry Custis Edmd Scarburgh junr Charles West Ralph Corbin John Waller Samuel Burton and Thomas Byley[98]

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[97]The corresponding entry in *Coun. Min. Bk., 1740-47,* p.[57], states that the "Parties abovemend" should attend the meeting in June.

[98]The corresponding entry in *Coun. Min. Bk., 1740-47,* p. [54], lists additional names between Littleton Scarborough [*sic*] and Thomas Teakle Taylor: Thomas Teakle, Hancock Nicless[?], Southey Rew, Thos Parramore, Edmd Allen; also gives the last name as Thomas Ryley. In regard to the latter, *cf.* commission of the peace for Accomack County, p. 171.

At a Council held March 17. 1745[/46]

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	William Fairfax
John Custis	John Blair
Thomas Lee	William Nelson Esq^{rs} &

William Dawson Clk

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of King George That James Micon Adam Reid Charles Ewell and Jonathan Sydenham be left out of it and that John Triplet be added

At a Council held March 21, 1745[/46][99]

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Lewis Burwell
John Grymes	William Fairfax
John Custis	John Blair
Thomas Lee	William Nelson Esq^{rs} &

William Dawson Clk

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted

To Thomas Williams Twelve Thousand Acres of Land lying in Brunswick on the north Fork of the Irvin River being a Branch of Roanoak River to include an Order for Six Thousand already Surveyed

To William Eppes Leave is granted to renew an Order of Council granted May 3^{d} 1744 to include four hundred Acres already surveyed adjoining his old patented Land of three hundred and seventy two Acres and an Entry of four hundred Acres purchased adjoining thereto on the south side of Josephis [*sic*][100] Swamp in Prince George in one Patent

[99]The minutes of this meeting in *Coun. Min. Bk., 1740-47,* p. [1], besides noting that petitions for land were granted, have an entry: "The Council took into Consid. again ye Pet of some of ye Justices of Midx for removing ye Court House to Urbanna."

[100]Evidently intended for Joseph's. *Cf.* previous entry in regard to this grant, p. 147.

To John Twitty Drury Stith and Sterling Clack five thousand Acres beginning on a Branch of Mackstones Creek at a red Oak marked with the Letters J T. D S. W. M in Brunswick

To John Nicholds Seven Thousand Acres including the Branches of Black Walnut Creek and the Piney Branch in Brunswick joining Col° Randolphs Line

To James Munford Samuel Gordon James Murray and William Poythress Twenty Thousand Acres in Brunswick beginning on Otter River and to include the Branches of Sinnaka for Complement

To Robert Thompson one thousand six hundred Acres in Albemarle County beginning at a Pine on a Hill side near a Branch of Troublesome Creek markt R T. to extend over the said Creek and take in Part of John Rices Entry which he dropt from thence crossing to the first Main Branch of Glovers Creek from thence running down the Creek for Complement

To Thomas Twitty John Ezell John Twitty and George Cume Twenty Thousand Acres beginning at the Mouth of Jennitoe on Maherin River and up the said Creek to the Head thence cross the Ridge to the head of Poplar Creek running down the said Creek to the Country Line thence up the said Line to Roanoak River up the said River to the Mouth of Flat Creek up the said Creek to the Head thence Cross to the head of Mountain Creek down the said Creek to Meherin River and down the said River to the Beginning

To Benjamin Hawkins three thousand Acres beginning upon John Nances Line on the Owl Creek running up both sides of the Creek and on both sides of Cabbin Cow Creek

To William Childrey and John Hawkins Three thousand Acres beginning upon John Vinegams Entry on the Juniper running a Cross to James Breedlo's Entry then running up both Creeks and the Branches of the Creeks

To Charles Lynch Two thousand Acres in Albemarle on the south side of the Fluvanna River already entered for with the Surveyor of the said County on the Branches of Bever Creek Fishing Creek & Blackwater in two Surveys

On the Petition of Richard Taliaferro Leave is granted him to take up the three following Tracts of Land lying in Albemarle County Viz^t One Tract of two thousand Acres to begin on Ruckers Run opposite the foot of Finleys Mountains running down both sides the said Run to Thomas Rights and up Tye River for Quantity Another of Three thousand Acres to begin on James Smith's lower Line where it

crosses Buffalo River to join with his Lines to Luke Carrells Entry to the Lines of the late Secretary Carters Land and with them to James Smiths and Richard Powels Entries to Ballengers Order of Council thence crossing the Spurs of the Tobacco Row Mountains to a small red Oak David Watkins's Beginning in his the said Taliaferro's Line thence with his Lines and the aforesaid Smith to the Beginning The other of three thousand Acres to begin above Howard Cashe's Entry of Two Hundred Acres on Thrashers Creek to join with James Smiths upper Entry on Franklins Creek and Hickinbottoms upper Entry on Buffalo River and running towards Buckstone Mountain for Quantity

On the Petition of John Thomas Leave is granted him to take up a Tract of Land in Brunswick beginning on the north side of a Creek of Nottoway called Cedar Creek thence running up the said Creek to the Fork thence over the north Fork running up the south Fork to include four hundred Acres in the Fork thence up the north Fork of the said Creek to include all the Branches of the said Creek and all the Branches of Crooked Run joining Jonathan Motes William Rivers Matthew Hubbards Charles Parishe's and Thomas Jones's Lines thence along the said Jones's Line to the Beginning to include Ten Thousand Acres of Land

At a Council held March 25th 1746

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	William Fairfax
John Grymes	John Blair
John Custis	William Nelson Esqrs &
Thomas Lee	William Dawson Clk

On the Petition of Alexander Kennedy setting forth that he had sustained a considerable Loss by letting a House as an Hospital for some Sick Sailors belonging to his Majestys Ship Torrington the said House being set on Fire through the Neglect or Drunkeness of the said Sailors and praying this Board to take his Misfortune under Consideration

Ordered That the Receiver General pay the said Kennedy the Sum of Twenty Pounds as a Compensation for his Damages sustained by that Accident

Ordered That the Receiver General pay to Thomas Lee Esqr the Sum of Thirty Pounds Sterling for the use of Mr Conrad Weiser as Interpreter for negotiating with the Six Nations of Indians

Ordered That the Receiver General pay the Sum of Thirty Pounds to the Persons who apprehended the three Prisoners who broke the Public Goal of this Colony and made their Escape in pursuance of the Governors Proclamation

At a Council held March 27. 1746

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Lewis Burwell
John Grymes	William Fairfax
John Custis	John Blair
Thomas Lee	William Nelson Esq^{rs} &

William Dawson Clk

Captain Taylor introduced by the Governor into the Council Chamber was told by their Honours that they could not consent to his Departure at this perilous Conjuncture to which he answered he was indispensibly obliged to comply with the Orders he had received from Admiral Warren to be in Louisbourg Harbour as soon as possible

The Governor communicated to the Board a Letter from the Governor of New York dated January 27th signifying the wavering Dispositions of the Indians and the Necessity for the Colonies in general uniting their Endeavours to secure the said Indians in our Interest at this critical Conjuncture

Ordered That the Clerk go down and acquaint the Burgesses that the Governor has commanded him to deliver the said Letter to them and recommending the Subject Matter thereof to their Consideration

At a Council held April 3d 1746[101]

Present

The Governor

John Robinson	Lewis Burwell
John Grymes	William Fairfax
John Custis	John Blair
Thomas Lee	William Nelson Esqrs &

William Dawson Clk

Mr Auditor reported that he had examined the Accounts of Charges for Cleaning His Majestys Ship Fowey referred to him by this Board the said Accounts were approved[102]

Ordered That Alexander Bolling William Haley and Isham Eppes be appointed Coroners for the County of Prince George and Heziah Foard a Coroner for Amelia

Ordered That a Commission of the Peace be made out for the County of Lunenburg and that the following persons be in it vizt Robert Jones William Hayward Matt. Talbert James Mitchel David Stokes Lewis Deloney John Phelps William Hill John Caldwell Cornelius Cargill Abram Cocke Hugh Lawson Thomas Bolling Liddard Bacon Thomas Lanier Robert Henry Dyer and William Caldwell and that one half and one be of the Quorum

Ordered Thomas Bolling be appointed Sherif of the County of Lunenburg and Matt. Talbot & Abraham Cock Coroners

The following Persons were approved of for Surveyors Mr Drury Stith for Brunswick County Mr John Hall for the south side and Mr Peter Fountain for the north side of Lunenburg

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[101]*Coun. Min. Bk., 1740-47,* p. [1] has an entry under date of March 31, which has apparently been struck out and is partly illegible. It relates to an additional account for victualling and stores in connection with cleaning the ship, Fowey, which was referred to the auditor.

[102]The corresponding entry in *Coun. Min. Bk., 1740-47,* p. [1], states the "amount 227-16-8" which is the same as that given above on p. 198.

At a Council held April 8th 1746

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	William Fairfax
John Grymes	John Blair
John Custis	William Nelson Esqrs &

William Dawson Clk

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of King George and that the following Persons be left out of it Vizt Enoch Innis Arthur Spicer James Strother and Honcock Lee and that John Taliaferro be added

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Gloucester and that the following Persons be added Vizt John Page John Shermer Gwyn Read Kemp Plummer Thomas Whitinge Hugh Gwyn John Hayes James Baytop Francis Tompkies Warner Washington and Mordecai Cocke junr Gent. and the following Persons be left out of it vizt Henry Whitinge Mordicai Cocke junr Henry Armistead and Mordecai Booth

The following Petitions for Land were read & granted

On the Petition of Patrick O Brian Leave is granted him to take up Five Thousand Acres of Land in Albemarle lying upon Slate River to join Thomas Jones's Line and to extend up the said River on both sides and to include a Survey of four hundred Acres lately made for him

To John Anthony Leave to include in one Patent four hundred Acres patented by William Saunders another of Twenty Surveyed both adjacent to the west side of the Byrd Creek and purchased of the said Saunders and one hundred more to be taken up

To William Cabbel Four thousand Acres lying on both sides of Buffalo River extending up the said River from his other Lands on the said River including one Thousand five hundred and Fifty already surveyed and eight hundred already entered with the Surveyor

On the Petition of Thomas Basset Nathanel Basset junr Thomas Tinsley Cornelius Tinsley Peter John and Thos Elmore Leave is granted them to take up fifty Thousand Acres of Land to begin in the Forks of Missisippi River and to run up and down both the said Forks and down the main River supposed to lie in Augusta County upon paying down the Rights for the same

To Thomas Williams one thousand Acres including Six hundred already surveyed upon the Fox Branch in Prince George

To Charles Anderson Two Thousand four hundred Acres in Amelia beginning at Cody's Creek at Archibald Deacons Line running up the Creek both sides for Complement

At a Council held April 10, 1746

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	William Fairfax
John Grymes	John Blair
John Custis	William Nelson Esq^{rs} &
Lewis Burwell	William Dawson Clk

Ordered That William Cabbell and Thomas Ballowe be appointed Coroners for the County of Albemarle

The Commissioners for running the Line having laid before the Board an Account of Things necessary to be purchased &^{c} It is ordered that the Receiver General advance the Sum of £230 to be paid out of the Revenue of Quit rents and if the same shall not be approved of by his Majesty the Receiver General to be allowed to place the same to his Account of the Revenue of 2^{s}/ per hhd &^{c}

At a Council held April 24. 1746

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Lewis Burwell
John Grymes	William Fairfax
John Custis	John Blair
Thomas Lee	William Nelson Esq^{rs} &

William Dawson Clk

The Governor was pleased to communicate to the Board a Letter from the Governor of New York dated March 31st signifying the Resolution of the Six Nations of Indians not to engage in the War together with Copies of the Minutes of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs to that Purpose

Sundry Accounts against York Battery amounting to £127:11:9½ were produced and read and Ordered to be discharged

It being represented to this Board that many Romish Priests come into the County of Fairfax in order to seduce People over to their Persuasion

Ordered That a Proclamation[103] issue for apprehending them so that they may be punished according to Law

On the Petition of several of the Justices of Middlesex County praying that they may be permitted to hold Court in Urbanna as soon as a Courthouse can be built there by Subscription On hearing Parties on both sides and on Consideration of the Matter It is Ordered that the Courthouse of the County aforesaid be removed to Urbanna according to the Prayer of the said Petition

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted

To Drury Stith Two thousand Acres on both sides of Butchers Creek in Brunswick including the Lands already surveyed

To William and Alexander Southerland Six hundred Acres in Brunswick to begin on the south side of Fountains Creek at the lower End of Hickory Island and out to the Country Line thence up the Country Line to the said Creek for Complement

To Richard Bland one thousand Acres in Surry lying on the three Creeks and to include the same with his old Lands in one Patent

To John Twitty Henry Hatcher and Henry Morris four thousand Acres beginning at Henry Morris's Line near Grass Creek in Brunswick so crossing the Head Branches of Buffolo

To John Jones one thousand Acres on the west side of Difficult Creek joining Robert Wynns Line including the said Jones's Lands already surveyed in Brunswick

To William Jones one thousand Acres on the upper side of Butchers Creek joining Ravenscrofts lower Line and thence down in Brunswick

To Robert Jones Abraham Martin Stephen Bedford and Joseph Perrin Twelve thousand Acres on Twittys and Horspen Creeks Branches of Little Roanoak to begin on the lower Line of Abram Martins Lands on the said Horspen Creek

To Harden Burley [*sic*][104] Zachariah Burnley Charles Burnley Harden Burnley jun^r^ Annakiah Burnley & John Burnley five Thou-

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[103]See pp. 484-485.

[104]This should doubtless be Burnley.

sand Acres lying between the north River and Hardaway River and on both sides of Brimms and Martin Kings Roads in Albemarle

To Samuel Allen Leave to include two hundred and thirty Acres already surveyed lying on the Branches of Willis's Creek in Goochland with four hundred Acres of old Land

To Daniel Paro all the waste Land not exceeding one thousand Acres from the Great Creek to Glovers Fork in Albemarle on the south side of James River between James River and Slate River

To Henry Nixon Leave to take up and include three hundred Acres lying between Edward Broadas the said Nixon and Jonathan Clerk with nine hundred and ninety three Acres already Surveyed in one Patent

At a Council held April 29th 1746

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Lewis Burwell
John Grymes	William Fairfax
John Custis	John Blair
Thomas Lee	William Nelson Esqrs &
Philip Lightfoot	William Dawson Clk

The Accounts of Contingent Charges from the 25th of October 1745 to the 25th of April 1746 and for Repairs to the Governors House being laid before the Board were allowed

The Receiver General is allowed for the Current Year to give a higher Exchange not exceeding 33 1/3 per Cent

At a Council held May 5. 1746

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Thomas Lee
John Grymes	William Fairfax
John Custis	John Blair
Philip Lightfoot	William Nelson Esqrs &

William Dawson Clk

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of His Majestys Revenue of Two Shillings per hhd Port Duties &c were signed by the Governor in Council

For half a Years Salary to the Governor	£1000
For half a Years Salary to the Council	300
To the Judges and other Officers of the Court of Oyer and Terminer	100
For half a Years Salary to the Auditor of the Plantations	50
For half a Years Salary to the Sollicitor of Virginia Affairs	50
For half a Years Salary to the Attorney General	35
For half a Years Salary to the Clerk of the Council	50
To the Ministers attending the General Court & Assembly	26
For half a Years Salary to the Armouror	6
For half a Years Salary to the Gunners of the Batteries	21
For Repairs to the Governors House	79:13: 8
For Contingent Charges	458: 0: 3
For half a Years Salary to the Adjutant	75
For the Costs and Charges of 30 Barrels of Gun Powder	181: 9

On the Revenue of Quit-Rents

To the Commissary	50
To the Attorney General	35

The Account of His Majestys Revenue of Two Shillings per hhd &c from the 25th of October 1745 to the 25th of April 1746 being examined by the Deputy Auditor and made Oath to by the Receiver General were certify'd by the Governor as usual

On the Petition of Luke Smith Leave is granted him to take up five thousand Acres beginning upon Birds Line at the Mouth of Hicow keeping each Line in Brunswick to contain the said Quantity

On the Petition of Philip Pledger Leave is granted him to take up three thousand Acres in Brunswick beginning upon Robinsons

Fork below the upper Fork running up both Forks and both sides of each Fork

At a Council held June 10th 1746

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Thomas Lee
John Grymes	John Blair
John Custis	William Nelson Esqrs &
Philip Lightfoot	William Dawson Clk

The Governor was pleased to communicate to the Board a Letter from his Grace the Duke of New Castle dated April 9th 1746 signifying His Majesty's Directions forthwith to make the necessary Dispositions for raising as many Men as can possibly be found to be employed under his Honours Command to second an Expedition for the Reduction of Canada Upon reading which it is ordered That the Clerk write to all the Commanding Officers to call together the Militia of their County and to be assisting to the utmost of their Power in inlisting Men for this Service

The Receiver General is directed to advance what Money shall be necessary on this Occasion to be reimburs'd him by Bills of Exchange from Lieut. General St Clair or on failure thereof to charge the same to his Majestys Revenue

At a Council held June 11th 1746

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Thomas Lee
John Grymes	John Blair
John Custis	William Nelson Esqrs &
Philip Lightfoot	William Dawson Clk

Mr James Baker one of the Trustees appointed by Act of Assembly to sell about three hundred Acres of Land belonging to the Nansemond Nation of Indians and with the Money arising from the Sale to purchase other Lands for the Use of the said Indians having represented to this Board that the Trustees have in pur-

suance of the Act sold the said 300 Acres and purchased other Lands according to the Directions of the Act but that the Sum of £45 Surplus Money remains in their Hands and praying the advice of the Board as to the Disposal thereof It is ordered That the Trustees be impowered to give and divide the said forty five Pounds equally among the Chiefs of the Families of the said Nansemond Indians

On the Petition of several of the Inhabitants of Augusta in Relation to their Court house it is ordered That the Court house continue in the Place it is at present on these Conditions That Col° William Beverley give the County Twenty five Acres of Land on which the said Court is to stand That he put the Court house in good Repair be at the first Charge in building the Bridge and making a good Causway and build a strong Logwood Prison

John Baylor having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to Henry Robinson for 1061 Acres in King William supposed to escheat from Elizabeth Beverley on hearing Counsel on both sides It is ordered That the said Caveat be dismiss'd

Anne Lloyd an Infant by Thomas Turner her Guardian having entered a Caveat against Benjamin Winslow for a Peice of Land in Essex where the old Courthouse of the said County stood as escheated Land on hearing Council on both sides it being the Opinion of the Board that the Possession of the Def^t was the Possession of Lloyds Heir It is

Ordered That the Pl^t have a Patent for the said Land upon reimbursing Winslow his charges vizt the Escheators Fee and Five Pounds for his extraordinary Expences

The Governor was pleased to appoint the Persons herein after named to be Sherifs of the following counties vizt for

Goochland	John Smith
Lancaster	John Steptoe
Elizabeth City	John Boady
Prince William	Valentine Peyton
Brunswick	Henry Embry
King William	James Macon
Middlesex	Beverley Stanard
Essex	William Dangerfield
York	William Lightfoot
Prince George	Anthony Penniston

James City.....John Warburton
Spotsylvania.....John Waller jun^{r}
King George.....Samuel Skinker
New Kent.....Richard Meux
Richmond.....William Brokenbrough
Hanover.....William Winston
Northampton.....Ralph Piggit
King & Queen.....Maurice Smith
Nansemond.....Mills Riddick
Augusta.....Henry Downs

At a Council held June 12th 1746

Present

The Governor	Thomas Lee
John Robinson	John Blair
John Grymes	William Nelson Esq^{rs} &
John Custis	William Dawson Clk
Philip Lightfoot	

On the Motion of the Officers of his Majestys Revenue they are impowered to sign Rights to the value of five hundred Pounds and the Receiver General is to issue them as usual

Thomas Adkins having entered a Caveat against Thomas Clapton for Two hundred and Thirty seven Acres in Brunswick on Bares Element Creek and on the north side of Maherin it appearing by the Sherifs Return of the Summons that the Def^{t} is not to be found Ordered That a Patent be granted to the Pl^{t}

Joseph Ward having entered a Caveat against Matthew Talbot for four hundred Acres or thereabouts in Brunswick on the east side of the north Fork of Roanoak River &^{c} For Reasons appearing to the Board Ordered That the Pl^{t} have a Patent

Joseph Dabs having entered a Caveat against William Easly for four hundred Acres in Goochland lying upon Tare Wallet Branch surveyed February 4th 1742 Ordered That Pl^{t} have a Patent

Mary Randal Widow having entered a Caveat against the Heir of George Randal dec^{d} for fifty Acres in Surry which was escheated by the said George from one Marmaduke Brown Upon hearing Counsel on both sides Ordered That the Heir have a Patent but the widow to have Dower in it

Osburn Keeling having entered a Caveat against Isham Vaughan for three hundred Acres &c Ordered That the said Caveat be dismiss'd upon Def^ts^ paying Costs and letting the Pl^t^ have another Tract of Land of which he is possessed

Elizabeth Liles having entered a Caveat against Abram Micheax for Two hundred Acres on the south side of Maherin River above the mouth of Couch's Creek commonly called the Bent in Brunswick Ordered That the Pl^t^ have a Patent

William Stark having entered a Caveat against granting Patent to Stephen Dewey for four hundred Acres in Brunswic on Nottoway River the Def^t^ appearing and having nothing to say against it it is Ordered That Pl^t^ have a Patent for the said Land

John Ornsby having entered a Caveat against Joseph Morton and others for eight hundred Acres in Brunswick on the head Branches of Falling River for reasons appearing to the Board It is ordered That the said Caveat be dismiss'd That Patents be granted to the Def^ts^ and that no fresh Caveat be admitted in the Secretarys Office against the same

John Twitty having entered a Caveat against Charles Hill for Two hundred and Fifty Acres in Brunswick on the north side of Staunton River Ordered That the Plaintif have a Patent paying for the Improvements

At a Council held June 13. 1746

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Thomas Lee
John Grymes	John Blair
John Custis	William Nelson Esq^rs^ &

William Dawson Clk

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Augusta and that the following Persons be in it vizt James Patten John Lewis John Buchanan George Robinson Peter Shull James Bell Robert Campbell Robert Cuningham John Wilson Thomas Lewis John Finlay James Montgomerry Richard Burton Henry Downs Silus Hales John Matthews and Benjamin Burden

On the Petition of Abram Newton a Mulatto setting forth That he was Husband of Elizabeth Young a free Mulatto Woman and lived with her til she died which was in Novem^r last and the said Elizabeth by a Writing under her Hand gave him the Petitioner his Discharge after her Death and praying that his Freedom may be confirmed

Ordered That the said Abram be manumitted and set free according to the Will of the said Elizabeth and the Prayer of the Petitioner

Peter Hudson having entered a Caveat against Peter King for four hundred and three Acres on the north side of Brunswic County on both sides of Buffolo Creek formerly surveyed for Holden McGee for reasons appearing to the Board Ordered That the Pl^t have a Patent

Theodoric Munford having entered a Caveat against Josias Randal for Two Tracts of Land 425 Acres each in Brunswick on the Branches of Finnywood upon hearing Council on both sides It is ordered That the said Caveat be dismissed

Isaac Smith having entered a Caveat against William Frazier for four hundred Acres lying upon Sherando River in Orange also another for four hundred Acres adjoining the former the Pl^t not appearing and Def^t appearing Ordered That both the said Caveats be dismist with Costs

John Baughan having entered a Caveat against Rene Laforce for nine hundred Acres lying on the south side of James River on the Branches of Chastains Branch and Duloits Branch for reasons appearing to the Board Ordered That Plaintif have a Patent

Daniel Maupin having entered a Caveat against Ambrose Joshua Smith and John Macord for four hundred Acres in Albemarle lying near the Blue Ridge upon the Rivanna River joining the said Maupins Line on hearing the Parties Ordered That the Pl^t have a Patent

Henry Tyler having entered a Caveat against John Kerste for Two hundred Acres in Surry upon Poplar Swamp Upon hearing Council on both sides Ordered That Pl^t have a Patent making the Def^t a good Title to one hundred and fifty Acres including his Improvements

Sterling Clack having entered a Caveat against William Cannon for Two hundred and Fifty Acres in Brunswick adjoining the Lines of Tatum Jackson and Munford Ordered That Pl^t have a Patent

John Woodson jun^{r} having entered a Caveat against Richard Hall for four hundred Acres on the Great Creek of Slate River commonly called Nells Creek in Albemarle Ordered That Pl^{t} have a Patent

Thomas Anderson having entered a Caveat against James Ferguson for one hundred and ninety three Acres more or less lying on Reedy Creek in Brunswick surveyed formorly for Ludwell Evans &^{c} For Reasons appearing to the Board Ordered That the said Caveat be dismist Def^{t} paying Charges

Stephen Hughs having entered a Caveat against William Lawson for one hundred and forty eight Acres near the mouth of Falling River in Brunswick the Def^{t} having been Summoned and not appearing and the Pl^{t} appearing Ordered That Pl^{t} have a Patent

William Taylor having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to Samuel Woodward Senr for one hundred and seventeen Acres or thereabouts lying in James City on the north side of Timber Swamp Ordered That Def^{t} have no Patent the Land being included in Dukes Patent

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted

To Francis James Leave is granted to include Two Entries beginning on Watsons Line on the north Fork of Cubb Creek and so up the Creek on both sides to the mouth of Emrys Branch on both sides to include the Land in the Fork of the same to make up with the Two Entries four thousand Acres

To William Embry and William Callaway all the vacant Land between the mouth of Elk Creek and the Mouth of Pig River bounded by the said Creek and River extending up to the Great Mountain the major part of the Land having been already entered for with the Surveyor by others not exceeding five thousand Acres in two Surveys

To John Bostick three thousand Acres joining the Lines of William Gray Anthony Hoggat John Mossom and Joel Walker on the Branches of Willis's River and the Branches of Appamattox River in Albemarle including several Surveys already made in one Patent

To John Davis Two Thousand Acres beginning at the Mouth of a little Branch of Roanoak at the upper Line of the Land bought by him of Francis Ran running towards the Reedy Branch and over it and down the said Branch and to the lower Line of the Land he lives on

To William Williams one thousand Six hundred Acres in Brunswick and Lunenburg beginning on the north side of Stoney Creek at the Great Branch near John Parkers Line thence westward to Parkers

Line thence along his said Line crossing the long Branch so up both sides the two Branches to the Flat Rock Path

To George Walton four thousand Acres in Brunswick upon Quarrel Swamp including all his old Lands

To Richard Ledbetter jun^r Two thousand Acres on the south side of Rattle Snake Creek in Brunswick joining his old Land

To Edward Jordan seven hundred Acres on both sides of Couches Creek in Brunswick

To Samuel Jordan and Charles Irby Ten Thousand Acres beginning on Stiths upper Line on the south side of Maherin River in Lunenburg thence up the said River on both sides of Juniper Creek including all the waste Land

To John Edloe one thousand Acres in Lunenburg beginning at Kelly's Line running down Flat Rock Creek on either side to old Nobles Line

To Drury Stith Buckner Stith James Munford and Samuel Gordon four Thousand Acres on the south side of Staunton River on both sides of Beaver Dam Creek beginning at a White Oak marked D S. thence up

To the same Persons four Thousand Acres on both sides of the Meadow Creek on the south side of Staunton River beginning at the lower End of a great Meadow at a Tree marked D S. thence up

To Benjamin Sowell one thousand Acres on the south side of Maherin River on both sides of the great Creek including his Lands already surveyed

To John Wall four Thousand Acres in Brunswick between the Country Line and Poplar Creek adjoining Wilsons and Walkers Lands

On the Petition of William Stith Clk setting forth that he had obtained Leave to take up and ad to a certain Parcel of Land which he holds at the Poplar Forest in Albemarle so as to make it four thousand Acres in the whole with Liberty to pass the Ridge between James River and Roanoak to make up the Quantity Mr Fry Surveyor of Albemarle is permitted to pass the Ridge to the Waters of Roanoak and to make the whole Survey at once according to the Prayer of the Petitioner

On the Petition of John Robinson Leave is granted to Drury Stith late Sorveyor of that Part of Brunswick which is now in Lunenburg to finish a Survey for an Order of Council lately obtained by the Petitioner

June 15. 1746

By the Governor

Ordered That the General Assembly which stood prorogued to the third Thursday in this Month do meet on the Second Fryday in July next and that a Proclamation do forth with issue for that Purpose

At a Council held July 15. 1746

Present

John Robinson Esqr President

John Grymes	Lewis Burwell
John Custis	William Fairfax
Philip Lightfoot	John Blair
Thomas Lee	William Nelson Esq^{rs} &

William Dawson Clk

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Accomack and that the following Persons be added vizt James Wishart Thomas Evans Robert Pitt Ralph Justice James Rule Richard Drummond and Charles Stockley and that they be put in their respective former Places

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for Isle of Wight County and that Robert Burwell William Hodsden, Jordan Thomas Hugh Giles Albridgton Jones and Robert Tynes Gent. be added

Ordered That the Receiver General Pay to Thomas Lee Esqr the Sum of £38:18:8 for the use of Mr Peters being Money advanced by him for the Service of this Governm^{t} and that the same be allowed in the next Account of Contingent Charges

Ordered That the Receiver General pay to Mr Lane Deputy Marshal £5:5:0 for his Journey in bringing Capt Cauzier to Williamsburg

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted

To William Randolph Leave to include in one Patent the following Tracts of Land on the north and south sides of Staunton River in Lunenburg vizt one of six hundred Acres one of two hundred and four another of three hundred and seventy eight already surveyed and contiguous and to survey such a Quantity of Land adjoining as will make the whole four Thousand Acres

To William Randolph and Richard Bucker Ten Thousand Acres on the north side of Staunton River beginning upon the Branches of Cattawbah and running over to the Branches of Childrey thence up the said Branches to Dismal for Quantity

To Nicholas Davis Two Thousand Acres lying on the Branches of Judys Creek on the south side of the Fluvanna River in Albemarle

To D° Two Thousand Acres lying on Tuckaho and Hunting Creeks which said Creeks are southern Branches of the said Fluvanna

To D° Two Thousand Acres on the Branches of Ivy Creek a southern Branch of the Fluvanna

To Nicholas Edmunds William Wynne Robert Jones jun^r and Clement Read Five Thousand Acres in Lunenburg beginning at a Beach marked W on the mouth of Beaver Creek running up and down both sides of Irvin River for Quantity

To William Wynne Nicholas Edmunds Clement Read and Robert Jones jun^r Four Thousand Acres in Lunenburg beginning at the second Fork of Beavers Creek and running up and down the said Creek for Quantity

At a Council held at the Governors House August 28th 1746

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Lewis Burwell
John Grymes	John Blair
John Custis	William Nelson Esq^rs &

William Dawson Clk

The Account of His Majestys Quit Rents from the 25th of April 1745 to the 25th of April 1746 being examined by the Deputy Auditor and made Oath to by the Receiver General was certified by the Governor as usual

The Officers of the Revenue then representing That in Obedience to the Direction of this Honourable Board in April last that his Majestys Revenue of Quit Rents can not be remitted at this Time for less than 33 1/3 per Cent for Exchange (the Price of Bills being so considerably risen since the War with France) they had stated the Account of that Revenue accordingly and instead of the Article of 5⅝ per Cent (which had formerly been allowed) had charged the Account with 12½ per Cent to enable the Receiver General to remit the

same by Bills of Exchange to London which with the present Exchange thereon and 16 2/3 per Cent received from the People just makes up the said 33 1/3 per Cent and praying that the honourable the Lieutenant Governor will be pleased to certify to the R^{t} honble the Lords Commissioners of His Majestys Treasury the necessity of the said Charge at this Time

Ordered That the R^{t} honble the Lords Commissioners of His Majestys Treasury be according certified that 33 1/3 per Cent was fixed by this Board as the lowest Rate at which the said Money could possibly be remitted and that therefore the said Article of 12½ per Cent is absolutely necessary to enable the Receiver General to remit His Majestys Quit Rents by Bills to London

The Governor communicated to the Board a Letter from the Cherokee Indians dated June 2^{d} signifying that they had sent the Governor their Crown as a Token of Love and Friendship to this Government and the norward Indians and that they never had been informed whether the same was received and also a copy of his Letter in answer purporting that he had never before heard any Thing of the Crown mentioned that if they would not enter into any Conditions of Peace with the French Indians or any of their Allies and send another Token of their Willingness to heal any Breaches between them and the northern Indians it should be his Care to make them Friends as soon as possible

Upon a Representation made to this Board in Favour of one Thomas Ridge a Horse Stealer who had fled from this Government it is the Advice of the Board that the Governor will be pleased to cause it to be signified to the said Ridge that he may be [*sic*] depend on a Pardon if he surrender himself to the General Court before the last Day of October next

Upon reading a Complaint against Mr Peter Hedgman of Stafford County for several Misdemeanors tending to a Breach of the Public Peace

Ordered That the Clerk of the Council summon the said Mr Hedgman to appear before the Governor and Council the 8th Day of the next General Court to answer the same

At a Council held October 28th 1746

Present

John Robinson	Thomas Lee
John Grymes	William Fairfax
John Custis	John Blair
Philip Lightfoot	William Nelson Esqrs &

William Dawson Clk

The Accounts of Contingent Charges from the 25th of April 1746 to the 25th of October 1746 and for Repairs to the Governors House being laid before the Board were allowed

Supry Harden and Nathaniel Talley were appointed Inspectors at Crutchfields upper Landing in Hanover

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Hanover and that the following Persons be added vizt John Darracot to be in his old Place John Price John Peirce Nelson Anderson and John Garland

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of New Kent and that the following Persons be added vizt John Richardson, Julius King Burbidge and Thurston James and that Walter Clapton be left out

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Albemarle and that the following Persons be added vizt Isaac Bates Charles Lewis junr Samuel Jordan Edmund Gray Valentine Wood David Lewis John Read James Nevils William Harris and John Anthony

Ordered That a Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Brunswick and that the following Persons be added vizt John Willis to be of the Quorum Burwell Brown John Wall Timothy Reves George Wych Richard Ransome and James Hicks

Ordered That 40/ per Cent be allowed the Naval Officers for this last half Year on settling their Accounts

Ordered That the Assembly be further prorogued to the 4th Tuesday in December next and that a Proclamation[105] forthwith issue for that Purpose

[105]See p. 487.

At a Council held November 3d 1746

Present

John Robinson Esqr President

John Grymes	William Fairfax
Philip Lightfoot	John Blair
Thomas Lee	William Nelson Esqrs &

William Dawson Clk

Ordered That William Payne junr be appointed Inspector at Occoquan Warehouse in the County of Fairfax in the Room of Mr Turley

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted

To Obediah Woodson 400 Acres joining 600 already surveyed beginning on his own Line on the south side of Cob Creek running along Robinsons Line and the Rock Branch a Branch of the said Creek in Lunenburg

To Do 300 Acres beginning at the lower End of his Entry on the south side of Staunton River running up both sides of the River towards the little Mountains

To Henry Brown one thousand Acres in Surry joining his Land on the Spring Swamp and Leave to include the same with his Land already patented

To Alexander Stinson Leave to include the following Tracts of Land already surveyed vizt one Tract of four hundred Acres upon a Branch of Willis's River called the Cat-Tail another of four hundred joining thereto and three other Tracts all joining about the same Quantity the whole amounting to near Two Thousand Acres in one Patent

To Thomas Williams and Buckner Stith five Thousand Acres lying in Brunswick on both sides of Main Road that gos from Sturgeon Run to the Court house joining the Lines of Stith Young Davis Dewey Proctor and Tims including the Head Branches of the Gum Branch on Roses Creek

To Charles Lynch Leave to include in one Patent one Thousand Acres already entered for with the Surveyor in Albemarle with Two Tracts patented vizt one of 425 the other of one hundred and sixty Five all adjoining

To Abram Cocke Two Thousand Acres in Lunenburg joining Thomas Williams James Williams and his old Line on Hounds Creek

To Archibald Cary one hundred Acres in Albemarle lying between the Lines of John Bolling Samuel Ridgway and his own and Leave to include the same in one Patent with the following Tracts Viz[t] one of four Thousand one hundred and thirty Two Acres conveyed to him by his Father Henry Cary one of four hundred and forty surveyed for himself and another of four hundred surveyed for George Klenhalf and purchased of him by the Petitioner

To John Holden Six hundred Acres on Green Creek in Albemarle and leave to include four hundred Acres already entered by Charles Lynch on the said Creek in one Survey

To Clement Read Robert Jones jun[r] Nic[s] Edmunds and William Wynne Three thousand Acres in Lunenburg beginning on Irvin River below the great Bent at a Place commonly called the Indian Grave and running up and down the said River on both sides for Quantity

To D[o] Three Thousand Acres in Lunenburg beginning at the Mouth of Reedy Creek on Irvin River above the mouth of Leatherwood and running up and down both sides of Irvin River for Quantity

To George Currie one thousand Acres including his Entry for one hundred in Lunenburg beginning on his own Line on Grassy Creek on the south side of Roanoak River running along the Line to the other Corner

To Arthur Adkins one thousand Acres in Brunswick upon Poplar Creek beginning at Munfords Line at a Black Walnut Tree near the said Creek running up the Creek on both sides

To James Ford One thousand Acres in Albemarle upon a Branch of Slate River called Turpins Creek and Leave to include the same in one Patent with eight hundred Acres adjoining and already surveyed

To Walter Campbell Richard Witton and John Webster Five Thousand Acres beginning at the west End of Jacks Mountain running on Pig River and on the Branches of Black Water River in Lunenburg

To Abram Martin Five Thousand Acres in Lunenburg beginning on his lower Line running up and down lying between the Horse-Pen Creek and Twittys Creek

To James Wood John Shelton William Parks and William Triplett Twenty Thousand Acres in Augusta joining to the Land

granted May 5. 1739 to Robert Green John Græme and Francis Kirkley

To Clement Read Nicholas Edmunds William Wynne and Robert Jones jun^{r} Leave is granted them to take up Ten Thousand Acres beginning at the Mouth of Marrow Bone Creek a Branch of the Irvin River running up both sides of the said Creek for Quantity lying in Brunswick County

To Clement Read William Wynne Nicholas Edmonds and Robert Jones jun^{r} Leave is granted them to take up Ten Thousand Acres in Brunswick beginning at the mouth of Buttrum Town Creek a Branch of the Irvin River and running up both sides of the said Creek for Quantity

At a Council held at the Governors Houses
November 6th 1746

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	John Blair
John Grymes	William Nelson Esq^{rs} &
Thomas Lee	William Dawson Clk
William Fairfax	

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of His Majestys Revenue of 2^{s}/ per hhd Port Duties &^{c} were signed by the Governor in Council

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For half a Years Salary to the Governor	1000
For half a Years Salary to the Council	300
To the Judges & al of the Court of Oyer & Terminer	100
For half a Years Salary to the Auditor	50
For half a Years Salary to the Sollicitor of Virginia Affairs	50
For half a Years Salary to the Attorney General	35
For half a Years Salary to the Clerk of the Council	50
To the Ministers attending one General Court	12
For half a Years Salary to the Armouror	6
For half a Years Salary to the Gunners of the Batteries	21:

For Repairs to the Governors House..... 174:2:3
For Contingent Charges 377:2:6
For half a Years Salary to the Adjutant..... 75

On the Revenue of Quit Rents

To the Commissary £50
To the Attorney General 35

The account of his Majestys Revenues of 2s/ per Hhd Port Duties &c from the 25th of April 1746 to the 25th of October 1746 being examined by the Deputy Auditor and made Oath to by the Receiver General were certified by the Governor as usual

Ordered That the Receiver General pay to Mr Henry Embry the Sum of Twenty Five Pounds for going an Express on the Governments Service

On the Petition of Clement Read Nicholas Edmunds and William Wynne Leave is granted them to take up Ten Thousand Acres of Land in Brunswick beginning at the mouth of Buffolo Creek a Branch of the Irvin River and running up the same for Quantity

At a Council held at the Governors House December the 9th 1746

Present
The Governor

Philip Lightfoot	John Blair Esqrs &
Thomas Lee	William Dawson Clk

The Governor communicated to the Board a Letter from the Cherokee Indians dated October 26th 1746 in Answer to his Honors last Letters to them declaring their Resolution to stand firm and true to his Majesty King George and the Interest of this Government and signifying that they had sent Presents to the Six Nations for a Peace

Ordered That a sufficient Quantity of Blew Cloth for a Suit of Cloaths and six double Breasted Coats and of Scarlet for a Suit and Callico for Gowns for a Woman and Two Children be purchased and sent as a Present from this Government to the Cherokee Indians by next Spring

Ordered That the Receiver General pay Mr Henry Morris the Sum of forty Pounds for going an Express from Virginia to the said Indians

Ordered That the Assembly be further prorogued to the second Thursday in May next and that a Proclamation[106] forthwith issue for that Purpose

On the Motion of the Officers of His Majestys Revenue they are impowered to sign Rights to the Value of Five hundred Pounds and the Receiver General is to issue them as usual

At a Council held January 12th 1746 [/47] at the Governors House

Present
The Governor
John Custis John Blair Esqrs &
William Dawson Clk

The Governor was pleased to communicate to the Board a Letter from Capt Pollicarpus Taylor dated Janry 7th signifying his Arrival and the Necessity of cleaning the Ship under his Command desiring the Government to furnish him with forty Negros for that Purpose he having seventy Men on board imprest within Six Months last past whom he shall by no means be able to secure

Upon reading which it is the Advice of the Board and accordingly

Ordered That Capt Taylor be assisted with forty Negros according to his Request for one Month

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of King William and that the following Persons be added vizt Thomas Danzie Nathan Burwell Thomas Moore William Cown William Coles and Harry Gains

At a Council held at the Governors House February 3d 1746/7

Present
The Governor
John Custis John Blair
Philip Lightfoot William Nelson Esqrs &
William Dawson Clk

[106]See pp. 487-488.

The Governor acquainting the Board that he Thought it necessary to have the Assembly called upon the Misfortune of the Capitol being burnt and desiring their Advice concerning the Time and Place

On Consideration whereof it is the Opinion of the Board and accordingly Ordered That the Assembly meet at the College on the 30th Day of March next and that a Proclamation[107] forthwith issue for that Purpose

Ordered That an advertisment be inserted in the Gazette signifying that the ensuing General Court will be held at the new Court of Hustings in the City of Williamsburg

At a Council held at the College April 3d 1747

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Lewis Burwell
John Grymes	William Fairfax
John Custis	John Blair
Philip Lightfoot	William Nelson Esqrs
Thomas Lee	William Dawson Clk

The Governor was pleased to communicate to the Board a Copy of the Orders from the Lords of the Admiralty to Captain Thomas Gregory Commander of His Majestys Ship the Folkstone which were read and ordered to be recorded

John Grymes Esqr produced in Council An Act to enable Mann Page Esqr to sell and dispose of certain intailed Lands to raise Money for the Payment of his Fathers Debts and Performance of his Will and for other Purposes therein mentioned approved of confirmed and ratified by His Majesty which said Act confirmed by his Majesty was read and

Ordered to be registred in the Offices of the Clerk of the Council and Sercretary

This Board having under their Consideration the Number of Itinerent Preachers lately crept into this Colony and the mischevious Consequences of suffering those Corruptors of our Faith and true Religion to propagate their shocking Doctrines it is

[107]See p. 489.

Ordered That a Proclamation[108] forthwith issue requiring all Magistrates and Officers to discourage and prohibite as far as legally they can all Itinerant Preachers whether New Light men Morravians or Methodists from Teaching Preaching or holding any Meeting in this Colony and that all People be injoined to be aiding and assisting to that Purpose

At a Council held April 18. 1747

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	William Fairfax
John Grymes	John Blair
John Custis	William Nelson Esq^{rs} &
Philip Lightfoot	William Dawson Clk

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted

To Charles Rose Clk George Rust and George Munroe Four Thousand Acres in Albemarle on the Branches of Tye River between the three ridged Mountain and the Blew Ridge beginning on Elk Creek near a Place called Blyres Cabin

To Drury Stith Henry Morris and Michael Cadet Young 5000 Acres lying on both sides of Grassy Creek in Lunenburg and the Branches thereof adjoining the Country Line

To Lewis Parham Leave to survey and include in one Patent 3000 Acres of Barren unpatented Land adjoining 1600 Acres of which he is already seised on both sides the Reedy Creek in Brunswick

To Lewis Deloney 4000 Acres in Lunenburg beginning on the upper side of Humphries Line on the lower side of Allens Creek including the Land whereon John Humphries lives and 400 Acres which he has entered for adjoining thereto

To Field Jefferson 4000 Acres in Lunenburg beginning below Allens Creek and joining Allens lower Line including his old Lands of 1020 Acres adjoining

To Thomas Turpin one thousand Acres in Albemarle lying on both sides of Turpins Creek of Slate River joining to 400 Acres already surveyed and patented to the said Turpin also to include 400 Acres surveyed for James Watkins but not patented lately purchased by the said Turpin and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

[108]See p. 490.

To Richard Thompson Leave to include 595 Acres bought of Edward Wood and 160 Acres of New Land lying on Hatchers Little Buffolo Bollings and Mountain Creek joining Bollings Line in Albemarle in one Patent

To Benjamin Clements Leave to take up some Surplus Land not exceeding 700 Acres joining his Lands already patented in Isle of Wight County on the north side of Nottoway River and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

To Lawrence Smith 1500 Acres in the Parish of Nottoway and County of Isle of Wight beginning upon the Countrys Line and up Browns Branch to Blunts Line and along that Line thence along Davis's Line to Maherin River thence down the River to the Country Line and including the Lands of the Petitioner already Surveyed and whereon he Lives

To John Hunter 700 Acres on both sides of Slate River and crooked Creek in Albemarle joining 200 Acres patented to himself and 100 Acres purchased of Samuel Moor already Surveyed and not yet patented and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

To George Carrington and Philip Mayo 2000 Acres in Albemarle on both sides of a Branch of Bridle Creek which falls into the Creek near James Freelands Plantation to begin about a Mile from Freelands Line on the said Branch and extend upwards

To William Brewer 2000 Acres beginning on his own Line thence to Richard Hides Line to the County Line and up Beddingsfield Creek in Brunswick

To Nicholas Brewer 2000 Acres including his old Land in Brunswick

To David Pattison 1000 Acres joining 1600 Acres on Appomattox River and the Branches thereof already patented and 200 Acres joining the same up the River surveyed and 200 joining the north Line surveyed and 950 of William Phelps's Land already Surveyed joining his west Line up Rack Island Branches and to include 600 with the same of which 400 is entered for and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

To Charles Lynch 1500 Acres in Albemarle including four Entries already made between Harris's Creek and Bollings Creek the south side of James River

To Thomas Jackson jun^{r} 2000 Acres on the Branches of Pidgeon Roost Creek and Poplar Creek joining Daniel Hicks [?][109] William Moseley and Thomas Fields Lines in Brunswick

To Richard Ledbetter 1500 Acres on Jeneto Creek including 729 Acres already surveyed in Brunswick

To Edward Wesson 1000 Acres on both sides Qurrel Swamp including 754 Acres already Surveyed

To John Ward 15000 Acres on the head of Jeneto Creek including 570 Acres already surveyed in Lunenburg

To Matthew Crank 400 Acres already entered with the Surveyor of Albemarle lying between Martin Duncans Line Joseph Tates and the Line between Albemarle and Goochland Counties and to include 200 Acres more joining it in Goochland and for the Surveyor of Albemarle to Survey the whole

To Joseph Bassinton Darvill 1200 Acres in Prince George joining the Lines of Robert Peter and John Poythress and Joseph Whitmore

To Matthias Ayres 2000 Acres including 1200 already surveyed in Albemarle lying on both sides of Hatchers Creek joining Anthony Bennys Capt Turpins Capt Allens and Edmund Ayres's Lines

To Archibald Cary 2000 Acres lying on the Branches of Glovers Creek and the head Branches of Willis's Creek in Albemarle

To Richard Randolph jun^{r} 1000 Acres on the Green Mountain in Albemarle joining 380 Acres surveyed for Christopher Armstrong and purchased by the said Randolph and to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole

To Arthur Moseley 1500 Acres in Albemarle upon the Head of Jones's Creek a Branch of Slate River adjoining eight hundred Acres upon Slate River already surveyed and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

To Drury Melone 1500 Acres in Lunenburg on Jeneto Creek on both sides thereof beginning on his own Line

To Lewis Delony 4000 Acres in Lunenburg on Allens Creek including the Land of John Humphries and running up and down the Creek for Quantity

To Abram Martin 600 Acres in Lunenburg begining on his Line on the Horsepen Creek running up and down the Creek for Quantity

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[109]This is probably Hicks, but the word was apparently corrected and written as if it might be Huffs.

At a Council held April 22d 1747 at the Governors House

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	William Fairfax
John Grymes	John Blair
John Custis	William Nelson Esqrs &
Philip Lightfoot	William Dawson Clk

Joshua Fry Lunsford Lomax and Peter Hedgman Gent appointed Commissioners to run and mark out the Boundary and Dividing Line between Virginia and Lord Fairfax's Land made their Report this Day to the Board of their Proceedings and produced an Account of their Expences attending the said Service amounting to £270:2:6½ with Maps which were approved

Ordered That the said account be referred to Mr Auditor

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of York and that John Norton William Allen and Robert Shield junr Gent. be added

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Princess Anne and that Anthony Walke junr Nathl Mclanahan Tully Robinson and John Whitehurst Gent be added and that William Cox in the former Commission be left out

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Goochland and that Peter Jefferson Archibald Cary James Cock James Barns Benjamin Mosby Jacob Mosby Creed Haskins James Terry and William Miller be added

Ordered That a new Commission issue for the County of Fairfax and that George Mason be added

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted

On the Petition of William McMachon John MacMachon Richard McMachon Lewis Neal John Neal Mark Calmes William Butler William Neal William Glover Hugh Barret Patrick Rice Robert Calvert Isaiah Calvert Leonard Parrot George Waller George Harding Henry Harding Leonard Holmes John Bruce and James Carter Leave is granted to take sixty Thousand Acres of Land joining the Grant of John Blair Esqr and others and upon the Waters of Potomack West and north west of the Line of Lord Fairfax and on the Branches of Youghyoughgane and Morangaly and to be allowed five years Time to survey and Pay Rights for the same upon Return of the Plans to the Secretarys Office

On the Petition of Joshua Fry Thomas Ballow and Thos Turpin who obtained a Grant of 15000 Acres of Land in Albemarle County in one Survey the 4th of May 1745 for Reasons appearing to the Board Leave is granted them to take up the said Land in four Surveys and that the Reverend Mr William Dawson be joined with them

To John Cannon 1200 Acres in Lunenburg including his own surveyed Land and extending towards Banister River

To Leonard Ballow Leave to include in one Patent 1942 Acres lately surveyed in several Surveys with 400 Acres patented in 1733 and 100 Acres patented in 1744 all joining

To Ann Munford Widow Leave to complete an Order of Council granted December 19th 1738 to her late Husband Robert Munford decd for 2000 Acres on Finny wood 1150 Acres being already Surveyed

To David Walker 700 Acres on Finny wood Creek in Lunenburg County beginning on Munfords lower Line on the Creek running down the Creek

To Stephen Collins 4000 Acres in Lunenburg beginning at the Mouth of Donavant a Branch of little Roanoak to include 3200 now entered with the Surveyor of the said County

At a Council held April 29. 1747

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	William Fairfax
John Grymes	John Blair
John Custis	William Nelson Esqrs &
Thomas Lee	William Dawson Clk

The Accounts of Contingent Charges from the 25th of October 1746 to the 25th of April 1747 and for Repairs to the Governors House being laid before the Board were allowed

The Governor was pleased to produce to the Board An Act for the Relief of certain Creditors approved of and confirmed by His Majesty

Ordered That the said Act be registred in the Offices of the Clerk of the Council an Secretary

The Receiver General is allowed for the Current Year to give a higher Exchange not exceeding 35/ per Cent

Ordered That 40 per Cent be allowed the Naval officers for this last half year on settling their Accounts

Ordered That a Building be erected for the Preservation of the Records and that John Blair Esqr William Nelson Esqr John Robinson jun^{r} Esqr and Thomas Nelson Esqr be appointed Managers to treat with workmen about the same

On the Petition of several Inhabitants of the upper Parish of Nansemond praying Releif against an Order of Vestry for levying 16000 w^{t} of Tobacco to build a Church &^{c}

Ordered That the Churchwardens of the said Parish be summoned to answer the Subject Matter of the said Petition the next Court of Oyer and Terminer

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Elizabeth City and that the following Persons be added vizt Thomas Mingham Robert Armistead Cary Selden Thomas Wythe Charles King and Anthony Tucker

The auditor reported that he had examined the Accounts of Expences and compared them with the several Vouchers produced by the Commissioners on the Part of His Majesty for running the Line between Virginia and Lord Fairfax's Land and found the Amount of his Majestys Part of the said Expences after deducting the Credits to be the Sum of £270:2:6½ our Money which he had reduced to Sterling so that there is due on the said Account the Sum of £200 Sterling which the Receiver General has advanced

Ordered That the same be certified to the Right honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majestys Treasury and the hon'ble the Lieutenant Governor is desired to apply to their Lordships for a Warrant allowing and directing the Receiver General to change the whole sum by him so advanced in his next Account of his Majestys Revenue of Quitrents together with such allowance to the three Commissioners and the Surveyors for their extraordinary Trouble as to their Lordships shall seem reasonable they not having as yet received any Recompence or Reward for their painfull Service And the Governor is also desired to signify to their Lordships that this Board are unanimously of opinion that less than £1200 Sterling will not be sufficient to discharge the said Expences and satisfy the said Commissioners and Surveyors for their faith-

full Execution of the said Business each of the three Comissioners in their Judgment being deserving at least of £250 Sterling and each of the Two Surveyors of £125 Sterling abstracted from all Charges

William Fairfax Esqr presented to the Board the following Petition vizt

To the Honourable Sir William Gooch Bart His Majestys Lieutenant Governor of the Colony of Virginia and the Members of His Majestys Council in that Colony

The Humble Petition of the Right hon'ble the Lord Fairfax Sheweth,

That his Majesty having been pleased by his Order in Council on the eleventh Day of April 1745 to direct that your Petitioner should for the future be intituled to all the Advantages Profits and Emmoluments whatsoever to arise on Grants made by the Crown of Lands within your Petitioners Boundaries mentioned in the said Order your Petitioner made his application to this Board for such Directions as might inforce the Execution of that Royal Command in the Payment of the Quit Rents due on the aforesaid Grants for the Year 1745 to your Petitioner Upon Consideration whereof this Board on the 23^{d} of Octr 1745 were pleased to declare their opinion that your Petitioner had no Right to such Quit Rents That for as much as your Petitioner is advised and humbly conceives it was the Intention of His Majesty that your Petitioner should be intitled to all the Rents then accruing at the Time of such royal Order Therefore that your Petitioner may have His Majestys Pleasure further signified by an Explanation of that order your Petitioner most humbly prays that authentic Copies of the Proceedings in this Matter before this Board may be delivered to your Petition^{r} in order to be laid before and submitted to His Majesty for his further Directions herein

And your Petitioner shall pray &^{c}

Upon reading which Petition It is ordered That the Clerk make out full Copies of the said Petition whole Proceedings and orders of Council relating to the Subject Matter of the said Petition and deliver the same to William Fairfax Esqr with the Seal of the Colony annexed in order to be laid before his Majesty as is prayed by the Petitioner and as Lord Fairfax is determined not to acquiesce under the Judgment of this Board the Clerk is directed to subjoin

to the Councils Opinion of the 23d of October 1745 That Lord Fairfax has no Right to the said Quit rents for the Year 1745 their Reason in these Words "The said Quit-Rents becoming due the 29th of September 1745 and paid into the Hands of the Receiver General and the said Royal Order not having been made known to the Governor or Receiver General til the 17th of October following

Ordered That Richard Hamlin Gent be appointed Sherif for the County of Surry

At a Council held May 1st 1747

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Thomas Lee
John Grymes	William Fairfax
John Custis	John Blair Esqrs &

William Dawson Clk

The Governor communicated to the Board a Letter from Capt Taylor dated April 30th 1747. with a Copy of his Orders from Commodore Knowles to proceed immediately to Louisburg Upon Consideration whereof and the Instructions to Capt Taylor from the Lords of the Admiralty It is the Advice of the Board that the Governor write to Capt Taylor and acquaint him that they cannot consent to his Departure at this Time and desire that he would immediately take a Cruize directly for the Protection of the Trade

Ordered That the Receiver General pay to Mr Dering the further Sum of £20 on acct of an Entertainmt made by him

At a Council held May 7th 1747.

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	John Blair
John Grymes	William Nelson Esqrs &
John Custis	William Dawson Clk

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Prince George and that Stephen Dewey Gent be added

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for Elizabeth City County and that Westwood Armistead and John Allen be added

Ordered That the Receiver General pay to Mr George Gilmer £3:9:4 on account of Oyl for the Governments use

The following Petitions for Land were granted

To William Still Leave to include four Surveys of Land of 1600 Acres lying on Elk Creek in Albemarle 800 Acres of which is already surveyed in one Patent

To William Gray Ashford Hughs David Holt Valentine Wood and Charles Fleming five thousand Acres in Lunenburg beginning at three mark't Trees at the Foot of the Indian Field Mountains running on the Branches of Irvin River

To the same Ten Thousand Acres in Augusta beginning on the opposite side of the Foot of the Indian Field Mountains running on the Branches of New River or Mississippi

To William Calaway and George Walton five thousand Acres in Lunenburg lying on the north side of Otter River upon Elk Creek and the Branches thereof including their Land already surveyed

To Richard Woodward one thousand eight hundred Acres in Albemarle lying on the Branches of the Fluvanna River beginning on the Lands belonging to Nic^s^ Davis or Thomas Jones on or near Ivy Creek or its Branches near Flemings Mountains

A true Copy

Nathl Walthoe Cl. Conj.

Virginia ss.

Journals of the Council from June 10th 1747,
to December 2d 1748.[110]

Recd March the 19th 1749/50.
With Colo Lee's Letter
dated the 6th of Novbr 1749.[111]

At a Council held June 10th 1747 . . . to ye 2d Decbr 1748.[112]

Present
The Governor

John Grymes	John Blair
Philip Lightfoot	William Nelson Esqrs &
Thomas Lee	William Dawson Clk

The Account of his Majestys Revenue of 2/. per Hogshead Port Duties &c from the 25th of October 1746 to the 25th of April 1747 being Examin'd by the Deputy Auditor and made Oath to by the Receiver General were Certifyed by the Governor as usual

Ordered

That the Receiver Genl pay Mr Henry Morris the Sum of Forty pounds for going an Express from this Government to the Cherokee Nation of Indians

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[110]From a photographic copy of original manuscript journal in the British Public Record Office, C. O. 5:1423, showing 54 unnumbered pages, including a separate title-page. At the head of the title-page there is the following apparently contemporaneous endorsement: "No Minutes of Council receiv'd from Virginia between 10 Sept 1744 & 10 June 1747." As has been noted, however, the manuscript journal for this period is in the British Public Record Office (see p. 160, n. 82). The original journal has marginal notes, indicating the subjects of the text, which are omitted here. The text of the journal was apparently written by an assistant to the clerk of the Council.

[111]This endorsement is evidently in the handwriting of the person who added endorsements to the titles of the journals for October 16, 1740-June 11, 1741, October 15, 1741-July 26, 1742, and August 6, 1742-September 10, 1744. Thomas Lee was then acting governor, having become president of the Council and commander in chief of Virginia on September 4, 1749 (see p. 300).

[112]" . . . to ye 2d Decbr 1748" was evidently added by the same person who supplied the preceding endorsement.

The Governor was pleased to Appoint the Persons herein after Named to be Sherifs of the following Counties Viz^{t} for

Accomack.....Littleton Scarburg Major
Albemarle.....Edwin Hickman
Amelia.....George Walker
Princess Ann.....Thomas Hunter
Augusta.....Henry Downes
Brunswick.....Michael Wall
Caroline.....Thomas Buckner
Charles City.....John Hardyman
Fairfax.....Jeremiah Bronaugh
Frederick.....Andrew Campbell
Gloucester.....Ambrose Dudley
Prince George.....Theodorick Bland
Henrico.....William Kennon jun^{r}
James City.....William Parks
Louisa.....Richard Johnson
Norfolk.....Charles Sweney
Northampton.....William Burton
Orange.....Edward Spencer
Stafford.....Peter Daniel
Surry.....Richard Hamlin
Prince William.....Benjamin Grayson
Westmorland.....John Watts
Northumberland.....Peter Presley
Warwick.....William Roscow

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Fairfax that Mr Catesby Cock be of the Quorum and George Mason and Daniel McCarty be added

The Churchwardens of the upper Parish of Nansemond Appearing this Day to Answer the Petiton of the Inhabitants of the said Parish, this Board having heard the Parties on both sides and duly Considered the Subject matter of the s^{d} Petition

Ordered

That a Map of the Parish be drawn and laid before this Board in next October Court in Order to fix the most Convenient place for build-

ing a new Church And that they may proceed in the mean Time in making the Levies for defraying the Expence thereof

At a Council held June the 11th 1747

Present
The Governor

John Grymes	John Blair
Philip Lightfoot	William Nelson Esqrs &
Thomas Lee	William Dawson Clk

Ordered

That the Receiver Genl pay Mr Samuel Baron One hundred pounds on Account of Work done by him at Fort George, that Major Merrit Sweney, Mr William Westwood & Mr Jacob Walker be appointed to View the Work and make their Report to this Board next October and that Mr Yaxley be Acquainted, if he does not immediately go about the Carriages some other Body will be Employed

Edmund Gray having entered a Caveat agt Richard Ward for 1,000 Acres lying on Angole Creek in Goochland Recovered from John Pleasant for Reasons appearing to the Board Ordered That the Plaintif have a Patent for 700 Acres of the said Land

Andrew Wade having entered a Caveat against Thomas Wilson for a Tract of Land lying upon Dan River in Brunswick joining on Peter Michel's line Ordered that the Plaintif have a Patent for the same

Samuel Lockert having entered a Caveat against Allexander Thompson for 400 Acres lying on both sides of Sherando River and adjoining the Land of James Beard, on hearing Council on both sides it is Ordered that Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

Clement Read having entered a Caveat against Thomas Williams for 12,000 Acres upon the Irvin River in Brunswick on hearing the Parties and due Consideration of the matter it is Ordered that the Plaintif be first Satisfy'd with Ten thousand Acres According to his Order of Council And that Mr Williams have the Benefit of his Order for Six thousand Acres afterwards, if there be Land Sufficient to take place of any Subsequent Orders or Entries

Sherard Tinsley having entered a Caveat against Henry Dawson for 800 Acres in Brunswick lying on the head of Wards Fork upon little Roanoake joining to Colo Cobs Grant and Mr Lidderdales Ordered that the Plaintif have a Patent for the same

John Edwards having entered a Caveat against Samuel Bridges for 285 Acres lying in Isle of Wight lying on the North side of Maherin River Ordered that the Plaintif have a Patent for the same

Ordered

That the Assembly be further prorogued to the last Thursday in November, and that a Proclamation forthwith Issue for that Purpose.

At a Council held August 6th 1747

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	Lewis Burwell
John Grymes	John Blair
John Custis	William Nelson Esqrs &
Thomas Lee	William Dawson Clk

The Governor was pleased to Communicate to the Board a Letter from Governor Shirley dated June 29th Purporting that their Government had appointed Commissioners to meet in a Congress to be held at New York on the 2d of September next with such Commissioners as may be Appointed by his Majesties Governments from New Hampshire to Virginia to Treat upon Measures for Encouraging the Indians of the Six Nations to Prosecute their Incursions on the Enemy as also to agree upon the Method and Proportion of raising Men and money for carrying on the War and Settle such Plans of Operations as the Common Interest shall require, upon reading and duly considering which Letter, it is the Advice of the Council That the Governor return for Answer, That upon such short Warning it would be in vain to call an Assembly, that as there was no certainty of the Meeting proposed at New York they could not Advise sending a Commissioner thither, the Expence whereof would be as great as the Demand to be made upon Virginia, Yet whenever the Governor of New York shall Inform us that he has Appointed the Sachems again to meet him we will join with the other Governments in such Measures as shall be thought proper to keep the Six Nations Steady in our Interest and Contribute every thing in our Power towards the Public Safety, That as to Men there are none to be had in this Government and very Little Money our Fund being reduced very low by Presents we have lately made to the Cherikee Indians and the Expence we have been at in fitting out Privateers to

Defend our Coast without the least assistance from our Neighbours when our Station Ships have been called to the Northward

On the Motion of the Officers of his Majesties Revenue they are impowered to Sign Rights to the value of £500 and the Receiver General is to Issue them as usual

The following Petitions for Land were read & granted

To William and John Booker jun^{r} and Charles Weatherford 4,000 Acres in Lunenburg beginning at the Mouth of Bears Eliment Crreek running up Maherin and the said Creek for compliment

To William Booker, John Booker jun^{r} and Edm^{d} Booker jun^{r} 6,000 Acres in Lunenburg beginning on Richard Thompsons Entrey running to Henry Tally's and Setho Pools Entrey on Bears Eliment Creek joining Cocks and Edloe's lines on Crooked Creek.

To William Booker, John Booker jun^{r} John Booker Son of Edmond Booker Senr and Edmond Booker jun^{r} 6000 Acres lying on the South side of Maherin River beginning at the Mouth of Pine Creek running up the said River and Creek for Compliment

To the Revd Mr William Dawson, Joshua Fry, Wm Cabell and John Anthony 8,000 Acres on the head Branches of Tye and Rock fish Rivers near the three Ridged Mountain Priests Mountain and the Blew Ridge and leave to take the same in three or four Surveys, the Land lying in the Western and Mountainous part of the County

To Henry Cary leave to include in one Patent 400 Acres already Patented with 325 in Albemarle formerly Goochland purchased of Anthony Bennings Patented and 350 in the same County of Albemarle entered for by and Purchased of Thomas Turpin Patented

To Nicholas Edmunds 776 Acres in Lunenburg on the Heads of the Branches of the East fork of blew Stone Creek on both sides thereof

To Robert Walton 1,000 Acres including 400 already Patented at the foot of Slate River Mountain in Albemarle

To Richard Womack 2,600 Acres including his Land already Surveyed on the Branches of the middle fork of little Roanoake in Lunenburg

To Robert Wathen and Robert Jennings leave to Compleat an Order of Council Granted May 5th 1741 for 6,000 Acres whereof 3,820 is already Surveyed provided the Land be clear of any Subsequent Entries

To Thomas Lloyd jun^{r} 2,000 Acres on the South side of the South fork of Sturgeon Run including the Plantation he lives on in Brunswick

To John Douglass 600 Acres in Brunswick joining on the South side of his own line above the line of Mr Chapman on the South side of Maherin River

To William Randle 1,000 Acres including 700 already Surveyed on the Branches of Cold Water Run in Brunswick

To John Randle 1,100 Acres including his Lands already Survey'd on Lightfoots Creek and to have an inclusive Patent for the same

To Thomas Williams Robert Moodie and William Broadnax 5,000 Acres in Lunenburg on Seneca Creek beginning at Moodies Camp at a Branch of the said Creek, thence up and down on both sides the said Branch and up and down on both sides the said Creek for Compliment

To Thomas Williams, William Broadnax and Robert Moodie 5,000 Acres in Lunenburgh on a Branch of Seneca Creek Beginning at a White Oak mark't J. H. thence up and Down on both sides the said Branch for Compliment

To Thomas Williams, William Broadnax & Robert Moodie 5,000 Acres in Lunenburg beginning at a fork of a Branch of Briery Creek including the Branches of the South fork of Falling River, and on both sides the Briery Creek joining the Revd John Ornsby's lines of his upper and lower Survey on the said Creek

To William Gray, Ashford Hughes, David Holt, Valentine Wood and Charles Fleming 10,000 Acres in Augusta joining their Grant for 10,000 Acres in May 1747 running down the Branches of Missisippi River

To Joseph Terry, Thomas Christian, Richard Lane Senr James Terry and Thomas Davenport jun^{r} 20,000 Acres in Lunenburg lying on Turky Lock[113] Creek beginning at the Mouth of a Branch near Nicholas Scots Cabbin up the said Creek and it's Branches for Compliment

To John Willis 2,000 Acres in Brunswick beginning on the Land purchased by him of John Womack to include all the Waste Land to Captain Thomas Avents line

To Henry Willis and John Parish 10,000 Acres in Augusta between Major Pickens line and the North Mountains

To Charles Irby 1,000 Acres on the Branches of Jozekiah including 800 Acres already Surveyed in Lunenburg

To John Hall 2,000 Acres in Lunenburg on both sides of the little Creek of Maherin including 1,300 already Surveyed

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[113]This name may have been intended for Turkey Cock Creek.

To Joseph Morton Senr 1,000 Acres in Lunenburg on the Head Branches of little Roanoake including his land already Surveyed

To Sterling Clack leave to Survey two Entries of Land Adjoining on Miles's Creek and the Branches thereof in Lunenburg containing 400 Acres each lately purchased by him, and another Entrey of 400 Acres Contiguous to the other two made in his own Name, and to include the s^{d} three Entries in one Survey.

At a Council held August 13th 1747

Present
The Governor
John Grymes John Blair
John Custis William Nelson Esq^{rs} &
William Dawson D. D

The Account of his Majesty's Quit Rents from the 25th of April 1746 to the 25th of April 1747 being Examin'd by the Deputy Auditor and made Oath to by the Receiver Genl was Certifyed by the Governor as usual

The Receiver General is allowed for the Current Year to give the same Exchange as for the last, the same Reason Subsisting

The Receiver Genl is allowed in the said Account to Discharge himself of Six thousand pounds the said Account not being made up before his Majesty's Warrant Directing that Sum to be paid to Peter Leheup Esqr. Arrived with a regular Receipt Signed by the s^{d} Leheup

At a Council held October the 20th 1747.

Present
The Governor
John Grymes William Fairfax
John Custis John Blair and
William Nelson Esq^{rs}

Ordered

That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Prince George, that Mr Robert Bolling on his own Application be left out and Mr Stephen Dewey put in his place

Ordered

That John Baxter an Inspector at Quantico Wareh° in Prince William be Summoned to Appear either in Person or by Attorney at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer to Answer a Complaint against him

On Consideration of a Complaint made this Day by Mr Patton against William Beverley Esqr for not complying with an Order of Council made June the 11th 1746. with his own Consent with Relation to the Court house of Augusta, it is

Ordered

That Mr Beverley be Summoned to appear at the Court of Oyer and Terminer in June to Answer the said Complaint, and that in the mean Time the Justices may be at liberty to Cover the Court house

Ordered

That the Receiver Genl pay Mr William Jackson for maintaining many Indians at different Times the Sum of Twenty pounds

The following Petitions for Land were read & granted

To Joseph Dabbs and Charles Lee Two thousand four Hundred Acres in Goochland lying on the Ridge between and on the Branches of Willis's and Appamatox Rivers Adjoining the Lines of John Reddiford, Henry Cary Henry Bell, Joseph Dabbs, William Mayo, Nathaniel Henderson John Brown, Edward Henderson, Richard Henderson and Gideon Glen including four hundred Acres already enter'd for with the Surveyor

To Nicholas Davies Two thousand Acres lying on the Branches of Judys Creek on the South side of the Fluvanna River in Albemarle, Two thousand Acres on the Brancs. of Ivy Creek a Southern Branch of the Fluvanna and Two Thousand lying on Tuckahoe and Hunting Creeks, which said Creeks are Southern Branches of the said Fluvanna

To John Phelps leave to include in one Patent four hundred Acres on the Branches of Flemings Creek, Four hundred Acres on both sides the said Creek, on the North side of Willis's Two hundred and Sixty Seven on the Branches of Flemings Creek in Goochland all already Patented

To Thomas Williamson One thousand Six hundred Acres in Lunenburg on the middle fork of Maherin River above Johnsons

On the Petition of John Pleasants Setting forth That some Years ago he obtained a Patent for Twelve hundred Acres of Land in Gooch-

land That some time Since, one Richard Ward on a Petition against him for the said Land in the General Court for want of Cultivation &c obtained a Judgment for Seven hundred Acres part of the said Twelve hundred, That afterwards one Edmund Gray on a Caveat against the said Richard for the said Land had a Patent Ordered him for the same And that the said Edmund has since Assigned over his right to the said Lands to the Petitioner, it is Ordered That the Petitioner have liberty to include the said Seven hundred Acres with the five hundred Acres which were adjudged to be saved by him and that a Patent Issue for the said Twelve hundred Acres According to the Courses and Distances of his former Patent

At a Council held October 27th 1747

Present
The Governor

John Grymes	John Blair
John Custis	William Nelson Esqrs &
William Fairfax	William Dawson D. D.

The Accounts of Contingent Charges from the 25th of April 1747 to the 25th of October 1747 and for the Repairs to the Governors House being laid before the Board were allowed

Ordered

That the Naval Officers be allowed 37 1/2 upon the English Money paid to them by the Masters of Ships

The Governor was pleased to Appoint James Wallace Gent Sherif of Elizabeth City County

On the Petition of John Henry leave is given him to include in one Patent One thousand Acres of Patented Land with One thousand two hundred and Eighty four Acres lately Surveyed and Adjoining thereto on the East side of Tye River & extending Towards the Tye River Thoroughfare in Albemarle County

At a Council held October the 29th 1747.

Present
The Governor
John Grymes John Blair
John Custis William Nelson Esqrs &
William Dawson D. D

Ordered

That the Assembly be further Prorogued to the last Thursday in May next And that a Proclamation forthwith issue for that Purpose

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesties Revenue of 2/. per Hogshead Port Duties &c were Signed by the Governor in Council

	£	S	d
For half a Years Salary to the Governor	1000	0	0
For half a Years Salary to the Council	300	0	0
To the Judges & others of the Court of Oyer and Terminer	100	0	0
For half a Years Salary to the Auditor	50	0	0
For half a Years Salary to the Sollicitor of Virginia Affairs	50	0	0
For half a Years Salary to the Attº Gen[l]	35	0	0
For half a Years Salary to the Clk of the Council.	50	0	0
To the Ministers attending one Gen[l] Court	6	0	0
For half a Years Salary to the Armourer	6	0	0
For half a Years Salary to the Gunners of the Batteries	21	0	0
For Repairs to the Governors House	55	13	11
For Contingent Charges	363	10	8
For half a Years Salary to the Adjutant	75	0	0
For reimbursing the Charge of Provisions for the Company sent to New York on the Expedition against Canada	400	0	0

On the Revenue of Quit Rents

To the Commissary	£50	0	0
To the Attorney General	35	0	0

The Accounts of his Majesties Revenue of 2/ per Hogshead &c from the 25th of April 1747 to the 25th of October 1747 being Examined by the Deputy Auditor and made Oath to by the Receiver General were Certifyed by the Governor as usual

Ordered That the Court of Oyer and Terminer in December next be held at James Town on Account of the Small Pox being in Williamsburg, that the Clerk of the Secretary's Office be directed to issue the Writs accordingly and that an Advertizement be inserted in the Gazette Signifying the Same

At a Council held December the 10th 1747.

Present
The Governor
John Custis John Blair
Lewis Burwell William Nelson Esqrs &
William Dawson D. D

This Day appeared According to Summons Mr John Baxter an Inspector at Quantico Warehouse in Prince William, upon hearing the Several Depositions taken in Confirmation of the Facts Charged upon him and Council on his Behalf, this Board is of Opinion, that the said Baxter has been guilty of many base Crimes in the Execution of his Office as well as Francis Searson who was lately Inspector with him, and it is

Ordered

That the said Baxter be turn'd out of his Place, and the Attorney General have Orders to Prosecute him and the said Searson

The following Petitions for Land were Granted

To John Osheals 5,000 Acres in Nansemond on the Dismal Swamp beginning at a Pine about two Miles East of a Place called Cat Neck, thence North thence East, thence South Thence West to the first Station to include that quantity

To Lunsford Lomax and Samuel Jorden 6,000 Acres in Lunenburg upon Jordens Creek a Branch of Irwin River

To John Bolling leave to join two Surveys lately made on the South side of the Fluvanna in Albemarle to his Buffalo Lick Tract of 2980 Acres formerly Granted, and to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole

Also to join 440 Acres to 6,300 formerly Granted to him on the Branches of Willis's Creek in Albemarle and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

Leave is also Granted him to take up 1,000 Acres on the Branches of Bollings and Stoballs Creeks on the North side the Fluvanna in Albemarle And 1,500 Acres on the South side the Fluvanna in Albemarle on the Branches of Bever and Possum Creeks

At a Council held April 27. 1748

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	William Fairfax
John Grymes	John Blair
Thomas Lee	William Nelson Esq^{rs} &

William Dawson D. D

The Accounts of Contingent Charges from the 25th of October 1747 to the 25th of April 1748 and for Repairs to the Governors House being laid before the Board were Allowed

On the Motion of the Officers of his Majesty's Revenue they are impowered to Sign Rights to the value of five hundred pounds and the Receiver General is to issue them as usual

The Receiver General is allowed for the Current Year 33 1/3 for the difference of Exchange and 37½ for remitting the English Money paid by the Naval Officers

Ordered

That the Receiver General pay the Sum of £200 as a Present to the Ohio Indians

His Majesty's Warrant dated September the 17th 1747 Allowing and Directing the Sum of £1,200 for the Expences of Running a Boundary line to divide Ld Fairfax's Territories was this Day communicated by the Governor to the Board

Upon Reading a representation and Complaint of some of the Vestrey of Augusta Parish in the County of Augusta Relating to a Purchase of Land for a Glebe and other matters It is Ordered that the Gentlemen of the Vestrey appear at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer before the Governor & Council that the Truth of the said Complaint may be inquired into and that all Proceedings towards such Purchase be in the mean Time stayed, Ordered that the Clerk write to the Justices of Augus[ta] Requiring them not to suffer any Dissenters to Preach who don't Conform themselves to the Directions of the Law

Ordered

That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Albemarle, and that [. . .][114] Cabble be left out of it

Ordered

That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Spotsylvania, and that John Spotswood, Benjamin Grymes Fielding Lewis and Charles Dick Gent. be added, and the two first be of the Quorum.

The Governor desiring the advice of the Council concerning the most proper Time for issuing Writs for calling a new Assembly On Consideration thereof it is the Opinion of this Board and Accordingly Ordered That a Proclamation forthwith issue for dissolving the present Assembly, and that the Writs for Electing the Burgesses bear Teste of Tomorrow and made Returnable to the 30th of June next

The following Petitions for Land were read & granted

To Robert Carter, John Stevenson and John Lee 20,000 Acres in Lunenburg on Mayo River, beginning below the Fork of the South fork including both Branches

To George Carrington leave to include 1,950 Acres already Patented to the said Carrington and 170 Acres joining the same Patented to John Floyd and 400 joining the same Patented to Orlando Hughes in one Patent

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To George Currie leave to Survey in one Survey two Entries made by Hinchia Gilliam and William Briggs for 1,600 Acres each joining Henry Briggs, on the South fork of Maherin now called Juniper in Lunenburg

Also 2000 Acres on Grassy Creek including 150 Acres Granted by Patent to Philip Roberts and 1,000 Acres Granted to himself and Surveyed

Also 2,000 Acres on the South side of Roanoake River beginning on blew Creek, thence down the River including an Island in the River called Horse Island

To James Williams 3000 Acres lying on both sides of Wolf Trap Creek in Lunenburg including the Branches of Juniper Creek and on both sides of Nances Road including an Entrey of 400 Acres that the said Williams purchased of Thomas Nance, the Rights for which are in the Hands of the Surveyor

To Charles Pearson 3,000 Acres on Terry's Run joyning Austin, Lidderdale, Williams and others in Lunenburg

To John Hall, George Walton and James Johnson 8,000 Acres in the Counties of Lunenburg and Albemarle on the Branches of Falling River and James River beginning at a head Branch of Falling River, thence up and down on both sides the Ridge, and that the Surveyor of either County may Survey the same.

To Richard Callaway 3,000 Acres in Lunenburg including his Land Surveyed near Johnsons mountain

To Joseph Morton 1,400 Acres in Lunenburg including his Land Surveyed on the upper side of little Roanoake.

To Charles Pearson 5,000 Acres on the North side of Stanton River beginning at the Mouth of Hales Creek thence up and down the River and up the Creek to Randolphs line in Lunenburg

To John Austin 1,400 Acres in Lunenburg including the Patented Land where he lives on Wards fork

To David Bell, Joseph Bell, Walter King & Archibald Cary 60,000 Acres in Lunenburg beginning at the mouth of Peters Creek, running up the Creek and Dan River

To Nicholas Edmunds 1,200 Acres in Lunenburg on Midway River, beginning upon the said River at the Mouth of the first Branch above Owen Carty's Survey Running up and down for Quantity

To Robert Jones jun^{r} 1,600 Acres in Lunenburg of [*sic*] the North side of Roanoake River including the Land he Purchased of Major Drury Stith and binding upon the Lines of Philip Morgan, Owen Mirick, Stephen Henry John Davis and Cook

To Jacob Warrick 1,000 Acres in Surry on the South side of Nottoway River including his own Plantation and Joyning the Lines of John Stephens, Jesse Gillam Thomas Pennington, John Knight and John King

To John Watson leave to include a Tract of 425 Acres and another of 300 already Surveyed lying on the Branches of little Guinea Creek in Goochland in one Patent

To Robert Walton and Tucker Woodson 5000 Acres in Lunenburg beginning on Randolphs line on a bold Branch that runs into Maggotty Creek at the white Oak Bottom running under the foot of the blew Ridge to Stanton River including the Branches of Maggotty Creek, Pitmans Creek and Linvells Creek

To John Peter Bilboe leave to include in one Patent four Surveys in Lunenburg the whole amounting to 1676 Acres or thereabouts

To William Parham 1,100 Acres including 100 Already Patented in Surry

To Samuel Harris 5,000 Acres in Lunenburg Beginning on Mayo River at the Mouth of Russells Creek running up and down the Creek & River for quant^y^

To John Cargill 2000 Acres beginning at a mark'd Red Oak standing on the new Road that leads from Cargills Ferry to Lunenburg Courthouse including the South Branches of the middle fork of blew Stone and the long Branch by Irby's Tract

To Thomas Williams 4,000 Acres in Brunswick lying on both sides the Nottoway Road, joyning the lines of Stith, Davis, Campbell and Trin's

On the Petition of Nicholas Davies and Thomas Turpin the present Church Wardens of Southam Parish in Goochland It is Ordered that 340 Acres Patented to William Randolph and George Carrington for the use of the said Parish be now Patented to the said Davies and Turpin for the same Use upon paying only the Patent Fee

Ordered

That a new Commission of the Peace issue for Louisa County and that Nicholas Meriweather, Robert Anderson, Thomas Paulet, Richard Philips, John Pettus James Winston, David Cosby & Mosias Jones Gent. be added

At a Council held May the 7th 1748

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	William Fairfax
John Grymes	John Blair
Thomas Lee	William Nelson Esqrs &

William Dawson D. D.

Ordered

That the Receiver General pay the Sum of four pound[s] Six Shillings to Doctor Riddle for visiting the Ship Louisa

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of 2/ per Hhd port Duties &c were Signed by the Governor in Council

	£.	S.	D
For half a Years Salary to the Governor	1,000	0	0
For half a Years Salary to the Council	300	0	0
To the Judges & others of the Court of Oyer & Terminer	100	0	0
For half a Years Salary to the Auditor	50	0	0
For half a Years Salary to the Sollicitor of Virginia Affairs	50	0	0
For half a Years Salary to the Attº Genl	35	0	0
For half a Years Salary to the Clk of the Coun[l]	50	0	0
To the Ministers attending one Gen[l] Court	10	0	0
For half a Years Salary to the Armourer	6	0	0
For half a Years Salary to the Gunners of the Batteries	21	0	0
For Repairs to the Governors House	56	16	2
For Contingent Charges	360	3	3
For half a Years Salary to the Adjutant	75	0	0
For Presents to the Indians	195	0	0

On the Revenue of Quitrents

To the Commissary	50	0	0
To the Attorney General	35	0	0
To Mr Joshua Fry a Comissioner for runing a Boundary line to divide Lord Fairfaxes Territories	250	0	0

To Lunsford Lomax D°	250.. 0.. 0
To Peter Hedgman D°	250.. 0.. 0
To Peter Jefferson a Surveyor for the same Service	125.. 0.. 0
To Robert Brook's D°	125.. 0.. 0
To Mr Prentis for so much paid to him	200.. 0.. 0

The Accounts of his Majesty's Revenue of 2/ per Hhd &c from the 25th of October 1747 to the 25th of April 1748 being Examin'd by the Deputy Auditor & made Oath to by the Receiver General were Certifyed by the Governor as usual.

The following Petitions for Land were read & granted

To James Power, John Snelson, William Taylor, Duncan Graham and John Martin leave to include in one Patent 198 Entries of Land in Lunenburg lying on Dan River and the Waters thereof already entered for and purchased by them, Also 20,000 Acres of waste Land between or Adjoyning the same, together with 6,000 Acres Granted by Order of Council to Noel Burton and William Holladay and by them Transferred to the Petitio^ers

To James Williams 2,000 Acres in Lunenburg on both Sides of Gouds Road including two Entries of 400 Acres Each, the Rights for which are in the Hands of the Surveyor

To William Gray, Ashford Hughes, David Holt, Valentine Wood and Charles Fleming 10,000 Acres in Augusta lying on the west side of the Indian Field Mountains runing on the Branches of new River or Missisippi and to pay Rights for the same upon return of the Plans to the Secretary's Office

At a Council held June 16th 1748

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	John Blair
John Grymes	William Nelson Esq^rs &
Thomas Lee	William Dawson D. D.
Lewis Burwell	

His Majesty's Letter and Sign Manual dated the 20th Day of January 1747/8 Appointing John Lewis Esq. one of his Majesty's

Council of State for this Colony, having been read he Accordingly upon taking the Oath of Office was admitted to his place at the Board

Present John Lewis Esq.

Mr Beverley appearing according to Summons to Answer the Complaint of Mr Patton against him for not complying with an Order of Council in relation to the Court-House of Augusta, After hearing Council on both sides it is Ordered that Mr Beverley strictly comply with the Order of Council by the last of October next and make a Conveyance in fee to the County of 25 Acres upon which the Courthouse is to stand

Upon reading the Complaint of some of the Vestrey of Augusta about the Purchase of Land for a Glebe and fixing a Church, upon hearing Council on both sides It is Ordered that the Land first Purchased from Robert Campbell by the Majority of the Committee stand for a Glebe for the use of the Parish, and that the Church be Established at the Courthouse

Ordered

That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Gloucester, and that Mr Warner Lewis be of the Quorum

Ordered

That a new Commission of the Peace issue for Henrico County, that Peter Randolph be of the Quorum and William Randolph, Richard Randolph, Wm Eppes and Philip Mayo be added & that William Randolph be placed next to Mr Eppes

At a Council held June 17th 1748

Present
The Governor

And as Yesterday

Mr Blair Communicated to the Board a Letter to him from Mr Auditor General dated Feby 20th 1747/8, relating to the 12½ per Cent charged for Bills of Exchange in Accounts of Quitrents

Ordered

That the Gen[l] Assembly which by the Writs of Election were to meet the 30th of this Instant be Prorogued to the first of September next at which time they are required to attend for the dispatch of Business, and that Proclamations forthwith Issue for that purpose

Thomas Hunter having entered a Caveat ag[t] Sam[l] Boush for 66 Acres and 2/3[d] lying in Princess Ann, Escheated from Ann Workman for Reasons appearing to the Board Ordered that Plaintif have a Patent

Thomas Print having entered a Caveat against Joseph Mayes and Thomas Winford for 800 Acres in two Surveys for them lying on the North fork of the Creek called Catabur in Brunswick Ordered that Plaintif have a Patent for the s[d] Land

George Reynier Turner having entered a Caveat against Joseph Goode and Mary Haskins Executors of Aaron Haskins for 63 Acres lying on Swift Creek in Henrico for Reasons appearing to the Board it is Ordered that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said 63 Acres on Condition that he Convey the Land of the lower side of the Spring Branch to Mary Haskins

Zach. Lewis having entered a Caveat against John Robinson Esq. James Wood & al. for 30,000 Acres of Land or any part thereof lying on the North West & S° S° West of the Calf Pasture formerly granted to John Lewis & Edw[d] Barradall Esqs. and afterwards Granted to the above Persons in Augusta It is Ordered that the Plaintif upon agreeing to Dismiss the Caveat be allowed five Years Time to take up and Survey 30,000 Acres upon the Waters of James River and Roanoake so as not to interfere with any prior Order or Entrey

Henry Downes having entered a Caveat against James Barton for 400 Acres lying upon the mouth of Naked Creek on the South side of Sherando River in Augusta it appearing by the Returns of the Sherif that the said Barton is run away It is Ordered that the Plaintif have a Patent for the s[d] Land

On the Petition of Robert Armstrong against James Patton for 200 Acres lying on the South side of broad Creek in Augusta It is Ordered that the Petitioner have a Patent for the Land if it was not entered for before and in that Case to have Satisfaction for his Improvements

On the Petition of Charles Quail it is Ordered that he have a Patent for a Piece of Land lying in Augusta Surveyed by Mr James Wood notwithstanding any Caveat entered in the Secretarys Office no Summons having ever been Served upon him and he having paid his Rights & Patent fee and entered his Plan in the said Office

The following Petitions for Land were read and Granted

To Richard Jones 1,200 Acres in Surry including his own Patented Land purchased of John Whittington, and all the Vacant Land between the lines of the said Lands, John Owens Ephraim Parham's and John Whitton's[115]

To Richard Stewart 1,000 Acres on Rowanty Swamp in Prince George including 400 Acres alreddy Surveyed for himself and 300 Acres Surveyed for Benjamin Harrison and Assigned from the said Harrison to him

To James Terry leave to include five Entries on the Head Branches of Miry Creek and great Pole Cat Creek Including the Land he bought of Allexander Moore in Lunenburg

To Lazarus Williams 2,000 Acres including his Patented Land on Reedy Creek in Lunenburg

To John Williams 1,500 Acres including the Patented Land he purchased of Atkinsons on flat Rock Creek in Lunenburg

To Peter Rowlett 1,000 Acres including 245 Surveyed on Maherin in Lunenburg

To John Hall Obadiah Woodson, George Walton & Robert Walton 20,000 Acres on both sides of Otter River on the head Branches of little Otter beginning where Jeffrey Crowleys Path crosses Otter River, thence up and down in Lunenburg

To Robert Jones 3,000 Acres beginning on the little Horse Pen Creek opposite Henry Reynolds Cabbin, thence including the Branches of the said Creek in Lunenburg

To David Logan 1000 Acres beginning at Cornelius Cargils line on Elkhorn Creek running up the said Creek for Quantity in Lunenburg

To Jeremiah Hatcher 1,600 Acres on both sides of Kitts Creek in Lunenburg

[115]The names, John Whittington and John Whitton, may refer to the same man.

To Matthew Age 1,200 Acres including 800 already Surveyed on Hubbards Creek in Albemarle

To William Pettypool 2,000 Acres on the North side of Meherin River and on the Branches of Couch's Creek to include his Land already Survey'd in Lunenburg

To William Wynne 1,200 Acres beginning on his Old Surveyed Land running up the Branches of Bannister River and the Branches of the Wolf Trap in Lunenburg

To John Gibbs 2,000 Acres on both sides the little Creek on the South side of Maherin River including his other Entries in Brunswick

To Drury Stith 5,000 Acres on the Branches of Sturgeon Run including his Land already Patented and to have an Inclusive Patent for the whole

To Thomas Jones, William Woodford, Catesby Cock Walter King, John Darracott, Robert Jennings, Thomas Jones jun^r^ Samuel Dyke, James Shepherd & Jacob Shepherd 30,000 Acres in two Surveys lying in the County of Lunenb^g^ Beginning at Thomas Shirleys Camp

To Edward Wynfield 500 Acres in Prince George Beginning upon Joseph Tuckers line, thence along William Mallone's & along Thomas Wilkinsons, thence down Tuckers Line to the beginning

To David Bell, Joseph Bell, Walter King and Archibald Cary 60,000 Acres in Lunenburg beginning where the County line crosses Peters Creek running up both sides the said Creek and the Countrey line so as to include the Quantity

To John Morsom leave to include in one Patent 300 Acres in Goochland on the South Branches of Willis's River and 250 Acres in Goochland on the South Branches of Willis's River already Patented

To Thomas Williams and Buckner Stith 4,000 Acres on both sides of the old Courthouse Road joyning the lines of John Stroud, Michael Young, Charles Dednam, including the Branches of the Gum Branch in Brunswick

To John Macklin leave that Mr Drury Stith Surveyor of Brunswick finish an Order of Council for 3,000 Acres granted to him on Mitchells Creek and the Branches thereof, the said Order being begun and great part Surveyed

To William Gray, Ashford Hughes, David Holt, Valentine Wood and Charles Fleming 10,000 Acres in Augusta joyning their

Grant for 10,000 Acres in May 1747 running down the Branches of Missisippi River, and to pay Rights for the same upon return of the Plans to the Secretary's Office

To Nicholas Davies, John Clayton jun^{r} Kemp Whiting William Bernard, John Peter Saling and Charles Sinclair 30,000 Acres beyond the North Mountain, beginning near the Saling River extending on both sides the said River & Thence Westward and Southerly in three Surveys so as not to interfere with any Lands already Granted and on Condition they do within four Years Settle on some part of the Land One family for each Thousand Acres & to pay Rights for such Lands only as shall be unsetled at the Expiration of the said four Years

To Nicholas Davies leave that the 6,000 Acres on Judith's Tuckahoe & Hunting Creeks Granted to him by Order of Council bearing Date June 15, 1746 may be Surveyed joyning to any of his Entries or other Lands above the Mouth of Judith Creek on either side the Fluvanna River or it's Branches and be Extended in such manner that three Surveys made for him last November of 291, 117, & 142 Acres and all his Entries on both sides the said River above the said Judith's Creek joyning to or lying between his Lands, or on Tuckahoe Hunting and Battery Creeks or their Branches may be Included in one Patent, and that this inclusive Order take place from the Day of the date of the said Order for 6,000 Acres

August 26th 1748

Ordered

That the Genl Assembly which stood prorogued to the first of September next do meet on the 27 Day of October next and that a Proclamation do forthwith Issue for that purpose

At a Council held September 6th 1748

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	John Blair
John Grymes	William Nelson &
Lewis Burwell	John Lewis Esq^{rs}

On the Motion of the Officers of his Majestys Revenue they are impowered to Sign Rights to the value of five hundred pounds, and the Receiver General is to issue them as usual

The Governor was pleased to Appoint the Persons herein after named to be Sherifs of the following Counties viz[t] for

King George.....Samuel Donne
Gloucester.....David Allexander
Lancaster.....Edwin Conway
Essex.....William Roane
York.....John Norton
Goochland.....Stephen Bedford
Lunenburg.....John Hall
Nansemond.....Anthony Holladay
New Kent.....John Richardson
Hanover.....John Snelson
Middlesex.....Robert Elliott
Elizabeth City.....James Wallace
King & Queen.....Robert Armistead Bird
King William.....James Quarles
Isle of Wight.....Benjamin Ruffin
Spotsylvania.....Richard Tutt

The following Petitions for Land were read and Granted

To Peter Fontaine Clk 2,000 Acres in Lunenburg on the head Branches of Poplar and Reedy Creeks of Dan River and the Adjacent head Branches of little Pole Cat Creek of Bannister River to run round a Tract of 400 Acres already Surveyed in the said Fontaines Name

To William Wynne 2,000 Acres in Lunenburg on the Head Branches of the South or long Branch of Wynne's Creek & the Adjacent Branches of Terrible Creek joyning a Survey of Richard Smiths

To Joshua Fry 1,000 Acres in Albemarle on the Branches of Stovall's & Porridge Creeks joyning to 100 Acres Patented to Nicholas Davis Gent. and Purchased of him and to a Survey of 293 Acres which is already entered in the Secretarys Office and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

Also to have an inclusive Patent for 1,000 Acres Purchased of Richard and William Eppes being part of a larger Tract formerly

Granted to Francis Eppes Gent Deceased, and one Tract of Land of 290 Acres granted by Patent to the Petitioner and 228 Acres lately Surveyed all joyning in Albemarle

To James Williams 1,200 Acres on the South side of Nottoway River in Lunenburg, between the lines of Thomas Williams, Abraham Cock and Jinnens's including his own plantation on Hounds Creek

To Elisha Eastis and Richard Eastis 8,000 Acres in Lunenburg beginning on William Rodgers's line of his upper Survey on Turnip Creek Thence up and round David Caldwells Survey including the head Branches of the said Creek and to take in the Several Branches of little falling River for Quantity.

To John Edloe leave to include 1,900 Acres to 800 already Patented on flat rock Creek in Lunenburg

To John Twitty 600 Acres and to include 1404 Acres already patented and 1,896 Surveyed & not yet Patented and to have a Patent for the whole 4,000 Acres on both sides the South fork of Maherin River in Lunenburg

To John Twitty leave to include 2,620 Acres on the Branches of Taylors Creek and Stiths Creek in Lunenburg

To John Hall 1,000 Acres and leave to include a Single Survey on Falls Creek with part of John Evans's Patent Land on Nottoway River in Lunenburg

To George Walton 2,000 Acres on the Branches of Stiths Creek and Aglesnest Creek in Lunenburg

Tully Chyce having entered a Caveat against James Fisher for 400 Acres in Augusta County, the Plaintif appearing and the Sherif having returned that the Defendant is not to be found it is Ordered that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Lands

Tully Chyce having entered a Caveat against Walter Leonard for 1,200 Acres in Orange County, upon hearing Council on both sides it is Ordered that the s^d^ Caveat be discharged on Condition that the Defendant pay the Plaintif Ten pounds for Costs, pay Quit Rents from the Year 1741 and take out a Patent before Christmass next, and that upon the Defendants noncomplyance with this Order the Plaintif have the Land

Tully Chyce having entered a Caveat against Joseph Walsh for 2,000 Acres more or less in Louisa, the Plaintif being ready to make Oath that the Defendant had agreed to give up the Land in dispute to him, and the Defendant not appearing it is Ordered that the

Plaintif have a Patent upon producing such Agreement from under the Hand of the Defendant

William Brown jun^{r} having entered a Caveat against Samuel Wallace for 2017 Acres in Amelia on the Fork of falling Creek for Reasons appearing to the Board It is Ordered that the Defendant have a Patent without paying Rights over again

At a Council held September 7. 1748

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	John Blair
John Grymes	William Nelson &
Lewis Burwell	John Lewis Esq^{rs}

Complaint being made by the Officers of his Majesty's Revenue, to the Governor in Council, that many of the Sherifs have greatly neglected their Duty in not Setling their Rent Rolls with the Auditor and paying to the Receiver General, and that others who have so Setled have yet neglected to pay the full Ballance to the Receiver General; and that there are great Arrears due from former Sherifs, some of whom have not yet Setled their Rent Rolls; By which means his Majestys Acco^{t} of that Revenue cannot be Setled and Transmitted as usual It is Ordered that the Clerk of this Board Publish in the Gazette, that all Sherifs concerned in the Premisses are Strictly charged and Commanded that they fail not to Settle with the Auditor and pay the whole Sum due to his Majesty to the Receiver General on or before the Sixth Day of October next, and that all former Sherifs who have either failed to Account or to pay the full Ballance of Quit Rents are Commanded to compleat the same by the Time aforesaid; On failure herein it is Ordered by this Board that his Majesty's Attorney Genl do immediately put their Bonds in Suit, And all future Sherifs are hereby required to take Notice that if they fail to attend the Auditor on the Days Appointed them in the Governors Warrant for their Collection of the Quit Rents their Bonds will likewise immediately be Sued

The following Petitions for Land were read & granted

To Samuel Spencer 2,000 Acres lying between Tye River and the Branches of Joes Creek including his Entries about Barrys Mountain in Albemarle

To Peter Jefferson 1,000 Acres on the South side of Stanton River in Lunenburg to include 129 Acres Already Surveyed & Patented to Extend down the River and joyn the lines of Benjamin Clements

To Peter Hudson 2,000 Acres in Lunenburg upon the North side of Stanton River, beginning at Jonathan Horsford's upper corner back line, thence running down the said line to Buffelo Creek, thence up both sides for Quantity

William Broadnax having entered a Caveat against John Tabb for 1,000 Acres lying on the South side of Maherin River and on a Creek called Mountain Creek in Lunenburg formerly Brunswick, on hearing Council on both sides it is Ordered that the Plaintif have a Patent for 544 Acres part thereof so much only Appearing to be entered for by the said Tabb

Clement Read having entered a Caveat against Lunsford Lomax and others for Several Tracts of Land in Lunenburg, for Reasons appearing to the Board it is Ordered that the said Caveat be Continued to the Tuesday after the next General Court with liberty to take the Deposition of Mr Jordan and that the Surveyor don't proceed in the Interim

Roger Dixon having intered a Caveat against Thomas Davenport for 150 Acres in Goochland being part of a Tract of 400 on both sides of the little Guinea Creek formerly Granted to John Jones and by the said Davenport recovered from him as Lapsed for want of Cultivation, on hearing Council on both sides it is Ordered that the Plaintif have a Patent

Ordered

That all Parties concerned in any Caveats give their Attendance on Tuesday the Ninth Day of November next at which time the Causes remaining upon the Docket will be Proceeded upon, and the Clerk is Ordered to Dismiss all the Causes in which a new Summons is Decreed, if such Summons is not taken out and return'd before that Time, and to insert this Order in the Gazette

At a Council held November 3d 1748

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	John Blair
Lewis Burwell	William Nelson &
William Fairfax	John Lewis Esqrs

Upon hearing the Petition of James Colloun and others against James Patton Gent. the Parties being Present and agreeing to refer the Subject matter of their Difference to John Wilson and John Madison Gent. to be by them determin'd, it is Accordingly Ordered that the same be left to the Award of the said Gentleman, and that the Parties acquiese under their Determination

Ordered

That Mr William Prentis pay to James and Patrick Calloun the Sum of Fifty three pounds five Shillings for Damages done to them by the Indians and the Sum of four pounds five Shillings to William Nowls for the Same

The Governor acquainted the Board that he had Ordered a Commission to be made out for Philip Grymes Esq. to be Receiver General in the room of his Father Deceased who was approved of by the Council

At a Council held November 8th 1748

Ordered

That a New Commission of the Peace issue for Middlesex, and that William Churchill & Allexander Reade Gent. be added

That a new Commission issue for Frederick, and Gersham Keys & Samuel Earle Gent. be Added and William McMahon left out

That a New Commission issue for King and Queen and that Robert Pollard, Joseph Pollard, Philip Johnson Robert Baylor, Richard Todd, John Smith & Richard Gwathmey be added

On reading a Petition of Zachary Lewis in behalf of himself and others against an Order of Vestrey of the Parish of Saint George in Spotsylvania concerning the Building a Chappel Ordered that the Parties on both sides attend the Governor in Council at the Court of Oyer and

Terminer in June next, that in the mean Time all Proceedings towards building a Chappel be Stop't, and that the Petitioners and Vestrey may take Affidavits of such Witnesses as they think fit before some Justice of Peace of the said County

Ordered

That the Sum of fifty pounds be paid to Mr William Prentis for Extraordinary Services

Ordered

That an Allowance of Ten pounds Sterling per Annum be given to Mr William Prentis for keeping an Office for the Sale of Rights

The following Petitions for Land were read & granted

To Charles Lynch and John Thomson 3,000 Acres on the Branches of Seneca Creek & the Branches of Beaver Creek in the Counties of Albemarle & Lunenburg

To James Christian 1,236 Acres lying on both sides of Stonewall Creek on the South side of the Fluvanna in Albemarle

To Joshua Fry, William Cabell & James Christian 6,000 Acres on Wreck Island Creek and the Branches Adjacent and the Fluvanna in Albemarle

To William Brown, John Christian & James Christian 3,926 acres lying on the Branches of Rocky and Porridge Creeks in Albemarle

To William Cabbell and James Christian 3,000 Acres on both sides the Fluvanna, including the Buffelo Islands in Albemarle

To James Terry 2,000 Acres in Lunenburg on the Branches of Pole Cat & miry Creeks, including a Survey which he bought of Alexander Moore

To James Terry 5,000 Acres in Lunenburg on both sides of Sandy Creek of Banister River including the Land he bought of John Donalson, Tidence Lane, Richd Lane Senr & Richard Lane jun^r^ two Pieces of Joseph Cloud, and the Land which he Caveated against Robert Moore, and whose Right thereto he has since Purchased

To Joseph Williams 2,000 Acres in Lunenburg lying on the middle fork of Meherin River, known by the Name of Robinsons fork, beginning at a white Oak on the South side of the River a Mile below Pledger's House, thence up both sides of each fork of the River for Compliment

To William Clinch 10,000 Acres in Lunenburg Beginning at a white Oak mark't W. C. standing on the South side of the first large South Branch of Dan River above Mayo River running up the said Branch and the Waters thereof

To Benjamin Witt 400 Acres in Albemarle joyning his Survey of 400 Acres lying upon the Branches of Hunts Creek and to include the same with his old Patented Land bearing date the 16th of June 1744

To John Gwyn 1,000 Acres in Lunenburg begining upon Peter's Creek a Branch of Dan River in a Bottom at an Indian Field, thence up and down both sides the said Creek for Quantity

To Matthew Talbot junr 5,000 Acres in Lunenburg Beginning on Hugh Boston's upper line on Twittys Creek thence up including the Branches of Twittys Creek and the Branches of the Horsepen Creek, and the Branches of Maherin to include 600 Acres Surveyed

To Charles Talbot 1,000 Acres in Lunenburg Beginning on Town's line at Town's Branch, thence up both sides the said Branch for Quantity

To Michael Wall 1,000 Acres in Brunswick begining at Chapman's lower corner and so to include all the Waste Land between Chapman's line, John Smith's Line, Sexton's line, John Douglasse's line and so on both sides Douglass's Run for Quantity

To George Wych 2,000 Acres in Brunswick Begining on his own line on the South side the great Swamp, thence to Cooks and along Cook's line to Robert Clark's line, along Clark's line to the miry swamp, down the miry Swamp to his own line, along his own line to Thomas Morris's line, along Morris's line to William Lufceys line, along Lufcey's to John Turner's line & thence to the Beginning including his old Land & Plantation where he now lives

To William Short leave to take up all the Waste Land adjoining his Land on the Otterdams in Surry and Prince George to the Quantity of 400 Acres more or less beginning at his corner on the Road, thence binding on Beards line, thence North Course to be included in an old Survey and that Mr Richard Cock Surveyor of Surry Survey the same

To Thomas Dixon 1,100 Acres in Lunenburg includg 365 Acres already Surveyed & Patented to Cornelius Cargill and 260 Acres by himself beginning at a corner Oak on Munfords line & also upon his own line on Beaver Pond Creek, thence down Munfords line & up the said Dixon's own line for Quantity

To John Twitty 4,000 Acres in Lunenburg running on both sides of the South fork of Maherin River including the Meadow and joyning Joseph Chandler

To Samuel Harwell 1,000 Acres in Lunenburg beginning on William Murphy's line at a Poplar and running on his line and from thence on the South Fork of the great Creek on both sides of the Creek for Quantity

To Thomas Williams 2,000 Acres upon Crupper Run near Maherin including Entries already made by the said Williams & others in Lunenburg

To D° 2,000 Acres upon Turnip Creek in Lunenburg including Entries already made by the said Williams and William Poythress

To Richard Burke 1,600 Acres in Albemarle upon back Island Creek, including his Plantation and other Entries upon the said Creek

To John Anthony 1,600 Acres joyning to the Tract he now lives on upon the Branches of Hardware and the Branches of Totter

To John Brunshill Clk and John Mead 10,000 Acres lying on the North side of Otter River in Lunenburg beginning on the Second bold Branch below the main Fork of the said River at a white Oak mark'd J. M. & extending down the said River and Branches

At a Council held November 9th 1748

Present the Governor

John Robinson	John Blair
Lewis Burwell	William Nelson &
William Fairfax	John Lewis Esqrs

David Bell having entered a Caveat against Allexander Trent for 162 Acres in Albemarle purchased by him of the Heirs of John Grisham, the Plaintif Appearing & the Defendant having been Summon'd and not appearing Ordered that Plaintif have a Patent

John Merryman having entered a Caveat against John Browder for 308 Acres in Amelia on the South side the Horse Pen Branch of Tom Water Swamp Lapsed from Joseph Patteson for want of Cultivation on hearing Council on both sides Ordered that the Plaintif have a Patent

Robert Jones junr having entered a Caveat against John Hicks for 700 Acres lying on both sides of Rattle Snake Creek in Brunswick the Plaintif appearing and the Sherif having returnd that the said Hicks is not to be found Ordered that the Plaintif have a Patent

Thomas Bassett having entered a Caveat against Thomas Duggin & others for 435 Acres more or less formerly in Brunswick now Lunenburg on the North Fork of Falling River joyning Anthony Wheelers corner line on hearing Council on both sides Ordered that the said Caveat be Dismist.

Daniel Burford having entered a Caveat against James Anthony for 300 Acres in Hanover lying on Muddy Gut in North East Creek joyning Thomas Pawlets & Rev. Mills, on hearing Council on both sides Ordered that Plaintif have a Patent

John Barrow having entered a Caveat ag^{t} Thomas Bates [*or* Bales] for 344 Acres on the South side of Ready Creek in Brunswick, the Plaintif appearing and the Defendant having been Summon'd and not appearing Ordered that Plaintif have a Patent

William Gowen having entered a Caveat against Job Thomas for 400 Acres in Albemarle lying upon Willis's Creek, the Plaintif appearing and the Defendant having been Summon'd and not appearing Ordered that Plaintif have a Patent

Clement Read having entered a Caveat agst Lunsford Lomax, Harmer & King & others for 10,000 Acres beginning upon the Fork of Irwin River at the great Napp of Reads running up the Forks including the Branches of Cascade Creek and Sandy River in Lunenburg, Also for 4,000 Acres beginning at the Second Fork of Beaver Creek up and down for quantity Also for 5,000 Acres beginning at a Beach marked, W. upon the Mouth of Beaver Creek up and down both sides of Irwin River for Quantity in Lunenburg formerly Brunswick, Also for 10,000 Acres beginning at the mouth of Butrum Town Creek a Branch of Irwin River, up both sides the Creek, Also for 10,000 Acres beginning at the mouth of Marrow bone Creek a Branch of the Irwin River, up the Creek for Quantity, Also for 3,000 Acres beginning at the mouth of Reedy Creek on Irwin River above the mouth of Leatherwood & running up and down both sides of Irwin River for Quantity, on hearing Council on both sides it is Ordered that the Plaintif have a Patent for all the said Lands

At a Council held November 10th 1748

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	John Blair
Lewis Burwell	William Nelson &
William Fairfax	John Lewis Esqs.

Upon rehearing the Cause between Clement Read and Lunsford Lomax and others at the Prayer of the Defend^{ts} Council the Judgment of Yesterday was Confirmed

Nicholas Edmunds having entered a Caveat against Owen Carty and others for Eighty Acres on midway River in Lunenburg for reasons appearing to the Board it is Ordered that the Plaintif have a Patent

David Pattison having entered a Caveat against Job Thomas and James Webb for 400 Acres or thereabouts upon the North Branches of Slate River in Albemarle Ordered that the Plaintif have a Patent

Nicholas Cadet Young having entered a Caveat against William Williamson for 400 Acres or thereabouts upon the Branches of Couch's Creek in Lunenburg, the Plaintif appearing and the Defendant being Sumond. and not appearing it is Ordered that John Stovall to whom the Plaintif has assigned his Right have a Patent for the said Land

James Terry having entered a Caveat against Robert Moore for a Tract of Land on Sandy Creek of Banister River in Lunenburg for Reasons appearing to the Board it is Ordered that the Plaintif have a Patent

Richard Witton having entered a Caveat agst William Kennon for 630 Acres or thereabouts lying in Henrico within four or five Miles of Bollings Point joyning on Dr Andersons, John Dier's, Bevill's, Herberts and Gill's lines, on hearing Council on both sides it is Ordered that the said Caveat be Dismis't the Defendant paying 15 £ Costs & the Quit Rents from the year 1741.

James Baker having entered a Caveat against William Newman for 100 Acres in Isle of Wight being the Moyety of 200 Acres Surveyed by John Patterson late of Brunswick and by him Sold to Peter Fairfax the Elder who Surveyed the same to Peter Fairfax the Younger who Sold to William Hudson who Sold the same to the said William Newman for Reasons appearing to the Board it is Ordered that the said Caveat be Dismis't and that the Defendant have a Patent for the said Land

At a Council held November 12th 1748

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	John Blair
Lewis Burwell	William Nelson &
William Fairfax	John Lewis Esq^{rs}

Ordered

That a new Commission issue for Stafford, that Mr John Mercer be the first in it and Mr Nathaniel Harrison of the Quorum, according to his Rank in Prince George Commission

Ordered

That a new Commission issue for Frederick, that Marquis Calmeze be at the head of it and Samuel Earle Isaac Perkins, Charles Buck, John Hite, Gersham Keys John Neale, Lewis Stephens, John Hardin, Benj^a^ Fireman[116] and Isaac Hite be added, and that Morgan Morgan David Vance, Thomas Retherford, William M^c^Mahon George Hog, John White, Thomas Little & Israel Robinson be left out, and that one half and one more be of the Quorum.

The Governor Acquainting the Board with the Necessity of continuing the line between Virginia and Carolina it is the Advice of the Council that his Honour would be pleased to write to the Governor of Carolina to Request him to Appoint two Surveyors to Joyn with Jos[hua][117] Fry and Peter Jefferson appointed for Virginia

At a Council held November 14th 1748

Present
The Governor
John Robinson John Blair
William Fairfax William Nelson &
John Lewis Esq^rs^

The following Petitions for Land were read & granted

To William Harris 3,000 Acres in Lunenburg begining on Seymores Land at the Mouth of Wynn's Creek, from thence up to Margerys line, including Wynn's Creek & the Branches thereof thence running Northerly to include an Entrey of Henry Seymores and other vacant Land on the South Branches of difficult Creek.

[116]This may be Foreman. *Cf.* names of justices for Frederick County, p. 391.
[117]In the original, there is a dash instead of the letters in brackets.

To Howell Briggs and James Gray 3,000 Acres of Waste Land in Surry between Blackwater & Capahank[118] Swamp, and lying between the lines of David Hunter, John Warbeton, Benjamin Ellis, Richard Blunt, Andrew Lister, Edmund Ruffin, John Scott, William Briggs Thomas Cooper, Edward Ellis, John Bain, Edmond Barrow and Thomas Baker

To James Anderson leave to include in one Patent two Pieces of Land, one Granted to himself by Patent bearing date Sepr 20th 1745. for 400 Acres, the other Granted to Sanburn Woodson by Patent bearing date the 20th of Sepr 1745 for 400 Acres and by him Conveyed to the said Anderson both Surveys lying in Goochland near Appamatox River above dry Creek

To William Ledbeater 1,000 Acres joyning the lines of David Sims, Richd Ledbeater, R^{d} Upchurch Yarbrough Micheaux and his own, including an Entrey already made in Brunswick

To George Long 1,000 Acres in Surry including his Mannor Plantation & joyning upon the lines of Grigsup Rawlins, Thomas Newsom, Thomas Battle John Richardson, James Cooper, Francis Hutchings Thomas Dunn, Robert Webb, Henry Holt, & Edward Shelton

To Peter Guerant 600 Acres in Albemarle on both sides of Joshua's Creek, to joyn 400 Acres already Patented to him and to joyn William Allens Land & Extend towards Joseph Benoin's Land & to have an inclusive Patent

To James Nevil 2,000 Acres in Albemarle on the Secretary's Road a little below a Place known by the Name of the Hay Stack Meadow and to Extend up the Branches of the South fork of Rockfish River

To John Hunter 400 Acres in Albemarle on Glover's Creek and the Branches thereof, joyning 400 Acres Purchased of Samuel Glover and not yet Patented, and 100 Acres Patented to Samuel Bailey and to have an Inclusive Patent

To Anthony Benoine 1,200 Acres in Albemarle between the North Branch of Slate River & Waltons Fork of Slate River joyning 1436 Acres already Surveyed and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

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[118]This word may be spelled Capahawk. *Cf.* reference to Coppahawk Swamp on p. 175.

To Alexander Trent leave to include 2098 Acres patented to himself August 20th 1747. 400 Acres Survey'd for John Allen and not yet Patented and 100 Acres Purchased of Henry Cary, the whole being in Goochland

To Robert Rose Clk 1,870 Acres of Barren Lands known by the Name of the Piney Woods adjoyning the Lands whereon he now lives in Albemarle and to include the same in one Patent with the Lands he there holds

To Robert Hughes 5,000 Acres in Lunenburg on both sides Chesnut Creek beginning at the Buffelo Lick running up and down the Creek

To Robert Walton, John Walton & William Owen junr 10,000 Acres in Lunenburg beginning at the upper main Fork of Cascade Creek running down both sides the Creek and up the Forks and to include the Branches of the South Fork of Sandy River & the Branches of Horse Creek

At a Council held Novr 16th. 1748

Present
The Governor
John Robinson John Blair
William Fairfax William Nelson &
John Lewis Esqrs

Upon the Complaint of Thomas Pinkard Gent against William Hutchings and John Eustace Inspectors at Indian Creek and Dymores Warehouses and hearing the Parties accused, Ordered that the said Inspectors be turned out of their Office and that Mr Anthony Sydnot and James Brent being recommended by the Court be Appointed in their place

The following Petitions for Land were granted

To Peter Aldridge 1,600 Acres Adjoyning 200 Acres of his Patented Land on Warwick and Second Swamp in Prince George and to include the same in one Patent

To Griffin Stith 2,000 Acres on the Branches of falling River in Lunenburg including 1,500 Acres already Survey'd

At a Council held November 23d 1748

Present
The Governor

John Robinson
Lewis Burwell
William Fairfax
John Blair
William Nelson
John Lewis Esqrs &
William Dawson D. D

Ordered

That a new Commission issue for Prince George and that Francis Eppes, David Walker, William Skipwith Frederick Jones, Thomas Williams, James Boisseau, Andrew Haynes and Edward Wyatt be added and Nathaniel Harrison Gent. left out

The Accounts of Contingent Charges from the 25th of April 1748 to the 25th of October 1748 and for Repairs to the Governors House being laid before the Board were allowed

At a Council held November 24th 1748

Present
The Governor

John Robinson
John Custis
Thomas Lee
Lewis Burwell
William Fairfax
John Blair
William Nelson Esqrs
William Dawson D. D &
John Lewis Esqr

James Morris having entered a Caveat against Joseph Dillard and John Bray for 296 Acres in Petso[119] Parish in Gloucester Escheated from Mary Pew, on hearing Council on both sides for Reasons appearing to the Board it is Ordered that a Patent Issue for the sd Land to Richard Bray Son of John Bray and Grandson to Richard Asher Deceased

Ordered

That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Westmorland and that the following Persons be added vizt Philip Ludwell

[119]Petso, or Petsoe, was the earlier name of Petsworth Parish.

Lee to be of the Quorum Richard Lee, Augustine Washington & Henry Ashton and that Robert Vaulx be left out

At a Council held November 26th 1748

Present
The Governor
John Robinson William Nelson Esqrs
John Blair William Dawson D. D &
John Lewis Esq.

On the Petition of Lunsford Lomax Gent. leave is granted him to take up and Survey 15,000 Acres of Land in Lunenburg County on Beaver and Reedy Creek and the Branches thereof Notwithstanding any Entries made with the Surveyor of the said County for any part thereof since the Caveat entered by Read & others against the said Lomax and others or any other Orders or Entries where the Rights have not been paid according to the Rules of Government

On the Petition of Thomas Williams leave is Granted him to take up and Survey 6,000 Acres of Land in Lunenburg County in one or more Surveys joyning upon the lines of a Survey made the 31st of October 1747. containing 16,650 Acres for Lunsford Lomax and others to take place of any Orders of Council or Entries made with the Surveyor of the said County Since the 30th Day of October or any Entries where Rights have not been paid According to the Rules of Governmt

On the Petition of Warner Lewis Gent. leave is Granted him to run out and Survey 10,000 Acres of Land in Lunenburg Adjoyning the lines of Randolph Harmer & King upon the Waters and Branches of Mayo River and the same is Allowed to be in Virtue of an Order granted to William Randolph, Warner Lewis, John Harmer & William Randolph junr dated the third of May 1744. and that this Order take place from the said date but so as not to interfere with any Subsequent Orders or Entries

On the Petition of Thomas Mann Randolph, Harmer and King leave is granted them to Patent the Several Quantities of 5,520, 4,580, and 11,565, Acres as part of two Orders of Council for the Quantities of 10,000 and 74,000 Acres granted to William Randolph deceased Father of the said Thomas Mann Randolph, John Harmer and Walter King and bearing date the 5th of May 1738 and the 19th of October

1738. Which said three Quantities of Land were Surveyed the 16th 19th & 21st Days of October 1747 and to add to the said Surveys so much as will make up the Quantity of 24,000 Acres[120]

At a Council held December the 2d 1748[121]

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	John Blair
Lewis Burwell	William Nelson Esqrs
William Fairfax	William Dawson D. D &

John Lewis Esqr

Philip Grymes Esqr having received a Comission from the Governor Constituting him to be Receiver General of his Majesty's Revenues entered into Bond of 6,000 £ Penalty with Philip Ludwell & Peyton Randolph Esqrs his Securities took the Oaths appointed by Law and the Oath of Office

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of 2/. per Hhd. Port Duties &c. were Sign'd by the Governor in Council

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For half a Years Salary to the Governor.....	1,000..	0..	0
For Do to the Council.....	300..	0..	0
For the Judges and others of the Court of Oyer and Terminer	100..	0..	0
For half a Years Salary to the Auditor.....	50..	0..	0
For Do to the Sollicitor of Virginia Affairs.....	50..	0..	0
For Do to the Attorney General.....	35..	0..	0
For Do to the Clk. of the Council.....	50..	0..	0

[120]There are apparent errors in this statement. *Executive Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia,* v. 4, shows a grant to these persons of 10,000 acres on May 5, 1738 (p. 419) and one of 24,000 (not 74,000) acres on December 19 (not October 19) 1738 (p. 435).

[121]The minutes of this meeting in *Coun. Min. Bk., 1748-52,* p. [83]-[84], have the following entries which do not occur in the journal: "Instructions from ye Lds of ye Admty to Capt Maisterson Comr of His Maj's Ship the Hector were comd by ye Govr"; "Ordd yt ye Sherifs attend &c to settle wth ye audr & Recr"; and "Ord yt a new Com issue for K Wm & yt Mr Thomas Fox be added."

For D° to the Adjutant	75.. 0.. 0
For D° to the Armourer.....	6.. 0.. 0
For D° to the Gunners of the Batteries.....	21.. 0.. 0
To the Ministers Attending one General Court...	6.. 0.. 0
For Repairs to the Governors House.....	21.. 2.. 0
For Contingent Charges	363..14.. 7
For building a House to preser[v]e the Records	367..19.. 7
For the Charge of maintaining and Exchanging Prisoners	1,048.. 6.. 3

On the Revenue of Quit Rents

To the Commissary	50.. 0.. 0
To the Attorney General.....	35.. 0.. 0

The Accounts of his Majesty's Revenue of 2/ per Hhd &c. from the 25th of April 1748 to the 25th of October 1748 Also the Accounts of Quit Rents from the 25th of April 1747. to the 25th of April 1748. being Examin'd by the Deputy Auditor and made Oath to by the Receiver General were Certifyed by the Governor as usual

Ordered

That a new Commission issue for Norfolk and that the following Persons be added vizt Robert Todd, William Ivy, Christopher Perkins, William Nash Durham Hall, James Moore, Wilson Newton, John Willoughby, Richard Kelsick, Archibald Campbell, William Connor, Lemuel Wilson, George Veal Markham Harbutt, Joseph Stewart & Isham Corprew and that those who have refused to Qualify themselves be left out

Ordered

That a new Commission issue for York and that Mr John Wormley, Mr John Holt and Mr James Wray be added

Ordered

That a new Commission issue for Lunenburg and that Peter Fontaine and Field Jefferson Gent. be added, and that Mr Jefferson be placed according to his Rank in Henrico Comission Also that Mr

William Wynne be added According to his place in Brunswick and Abraham Martin John Car and Nicholas Hall

Ordered

That the Clerks of the Several County Courts upon the Receipt of any new Commission of the Peace do within Six Months from the Date thereof return to the Secretarys Office the Dedimus with the Names of those Gentlemen appointed Justices who refuse to Qualify themselves as such.

A true Copy

Nath[l] Walthoe Cl. Con.

Virginia[122] Minutes of Council.[123]

Transmitted by Col^o

Rec^d March 23^d 1752.[124] Burwell, without a Letter[125]

At a Council held December the Eighth 1748

to ye 29th Augt 1751.[126]

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	John Blair
Lewis Burwell	William Nelson Esq^rs
William Fairfax	William Dawson D. D. &

John Lewis Esqr

On the Motion of the Officers of his Majesty's Revenues, they are impowered to sign Rights to the Value of five hundred Pound, and the Receiver General is to issue them as usual.

At a Council held December the 15th 1748

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	John Blair
Lewis Burwell	William Nelson Esq^rs
William Fairfax	William Dawson D. D. &

John Lewis Esqr

[122–126]These endorsements are evidently in the handwriting of the person who added endorsements to the titles of the journals for October 16, 1740-June 11, 1741, October 15, 1741-July 26, 1742, August 6, 1742-September 10, 1744, and June 10, 1747-December 2, 1748. Following the death of Thomas Lee, Lewis Burwell became the acting governor, taking the oaths of office on November 21, 1750 (see pp. 345-346. Endorsements and text are from a photographic copy of original manuscript journal in the British Public Record Office, C. O. 5:1423, showing 136 unnumbered pages. The text of the journal was apparently written by two assistants to the clerk of the Council and the handwritings are different from the latter's attestation at the end.

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for Lunenburg, and that Henry Embry Gent: be added, and placed next to the Chair.

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted.

John Bolling having entered for one thousand Acres in Brunswick, now Lunenburg, and having only Eight hundred and Eighteen Acres, Leave is granted him to take up one thousand Acres beginning at the Mouth of Butcher's Creek, the North Side of Roanoak River, and so to go down the River to make up his one thousand Acres, including his old Survey, And to pay only four Rights, having paid the others before for the eight hundred and eighteen Acres.

Leave is also granted him to take up one thousand Acres joining above his Order for a thousand Acres on the Back of his Land in Albemarle at or near Totier.

To Robert Todd five thousand Acres adjoyning to a Tract he bought of Stith on both sides of Butcher's Creek in Lunenburg, and to have an inclusive Patent for the same

To Thomas Williamson three thousand Acres in Lunenburg on the middle Fork of Maherin call'd the Robertson, beginning at a blazed white Oak, that is blazed on every Side, about three Miles above Johnson's, and running up and down both Sides for Complement.

To Redmond Fallon two thousand Acres on Sandy Creek, a Creek of Dan River, at a Place call'd Whites Camp, beginning at a great white Oak cornered by the Creek above the said White's Camp, running down both sides of both Forks for Complement.

To Edward Booker and Samuel Terry four thousand acres, joining Cargill's Line on the Branches of Bluestone Creek in Lunenburg, running on both sides of the new Road that goes from Lunenburg Court House to Cargills Ferry above the Fork of Roanoak.

To John Nash six thousand Acres on the branches of Seneca Creek in Lunenburg, joining Ornsby's Line on the same Branches of Seneca.

Ordered, That the Receiver General pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds to Captain Beverley Robinson for his Trouble and Expence in carrying a Present from this Government to the Ohio Indians.

And the Sum of fifteen pounds to John Collett Doorkeeper for extraordinary Services and a Room for keeping the Council Books.

Daniel MacCarty and Samson Turley were appointed Inspectors at Pohick Warehouse in the County of Fairfax.

At a Council held March the Seventh 1748/9[127]

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	John Blair
Thomas Lee	William Nelson Esq^{rs}
William Fairfax	William Dawson D. D. &

John Lewis Esqr

Ordered, That a new Commission of the Peace issue for Fairfax County, and that the following Persons be added, viz: Moses Linton, John Carlyle, William Ramsay, Francis Hague, Charles Broadwater, Anthony Russell, & [. . .][128] Watkins.

Ordered, That the Receiver General pay Mr Robert Elliott Five Pounds for his Trouble and Expence for bringing a Prisoner to Williamsburg upon the Governor's Warrant.

At a Council held March the twenty first 1748/9

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	John Blair Esqr &
Thomas Lee	William Dawson D. D..
William Fairfax	

Ordered, That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Brunswick; and that the following Persons be added, viz John Lightfoot, to be of the Quorum, Nathaniel Edwards, James Clack, Buckner Stith, John Clack, John Maclin, Henry Embry jun^{r}, Lewellin Jones, Robert Brigs and Edward Goodrich.[129]

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[127]The minutes of this meeting in *Coun. Min. Bk., 1748-52*, p. [84], have an additional entry: "James Kennon Master of the Snow Schemer appear'd this Day in Council, being charg'd with detaining by Force & Violence ye s^{d} Snow & her Cargo from Thomas Edmonson & the Owners thereof & refusing to obey the Orders of his s^{d} owner, or deliver up his s^{d} Charge &c."

[128]Blank in original.

[129]The corresponding entry in *Coun. Min. Bk., 1748-52,* p. [84], includes also the name, Walter Campbel, which was, however, underscored and the name, Buckner Stith, written above it, evidently the result of the decision taken on May 5, 1749 (see p. 286, n. 132); and has the last name Edwd Goodrick.

At a Council held March the twenty seventh 1749

Present

John Robinson	John Blair
Thomas Lee	William Nelson Esq^{rs} &
William Fairfax	William Dawson D. D.

On hearing and considering the Petition of Matthew Bogle Merchant, setting forth, That he consigned the Ship President to Robert Gilchrist, in which Ship the said Robert put on Board four hundred sixty nine Hogsheads of Tobacco, the Duties of which Tobacco, and the Tonnage of the said Vessel amounted to sixty four Pounds and Eight Pence Sterling, which he paid to the naval Officer of the District of Rappahanock; that the said Ship proceeding on her intended Voyage was stranded on the Wolf Trap, that he was at great Expence in raising, refitting, and lading the said Ship, that the Naval Officer of the said District before he would clear the said Ship obliged him to pay the said Port and Country Duties again; praying the Releif of this Board.

Ordered, That the Naval Officer of the District where the Ship President clears out, repay to the Master the whole Tonnage by him formerly paid, and the Impost of so much of the Tobacco, that shall be made appear by Affidavit to be reshipped & paid for, and that as the Governor has been pleased to remit his Fee, the Naval Officer be desired to do the same.

At a Council held April the Eight 1749

Present

The Governor

John Robinson	John Blair
Thomas Lee	William Nelson Esq^{rs} &
William Fairfax	William Dawson D. D.

On the Petition of Lunsford Lomax, and Robert Jones jun^{r} in Behalf of themselves, and Clement Reade and others, it is ordered, That the Surveyors of Lunenburg make not any Surveys that may interfere with their Interest in Grants of divers Tracts of Land, lying upon the Irvin River, and the Branches thereof in the said County, during their Attendance as Burgesses this present Session.

The following Petitions for Land were read & granted.

To George Currie five thousand Acres in Lunenburg and Albemarle, beginning upon Otter River and the Branches thereof, and running across the Ridge towards the Branches of James River.

To Francis Bresie two thousand Acres in Lunenburg beginning on Butcher's Creek, joining to the Land he bought of William Hill, Robert Esther, and Josiah Baker thence running up along the Creek, and outwards for Complement.

To William Saffold, Richard Thompson, and John Blackwell, twelve thousand Acres in Lunenburg, beginning at the upper Corner of Jeffery Russel's Line upon Piney Creek, from thence to Cock's Creek, thence to Laton's Creek, from thence to the South Side of Maherin, and thence to the North Side of Roanoak, for all the vacant Land between Maherin and Roanoak, up to the Head of Finny Wood Creek.

To Samuel Hancock jun^r two thousand Acres near the Head Line of Albemarle, on the Branches of Elk Creek and Stonewall.

To Alexander Stevenson Leave to include in one Patent two Surveys of Land in Lunenburg, on the Branches of Banister River, surveyed by Drury Stith for William Cannon, and transferred by him to the said Stevenson, containing Eight Hundred & four Acres.

To Peter Fontaine jun^r one thousand five hundred Acres, on the South Branch of Terrible Creek, beginning at a white Oak with several Chops in it, standing in the low Grounds, thence up and down both sides of the said Branch.

To Robert Barrett Clerk, one thousand five hundred Acres, on both sides of Banister River, including a Survey purchas'd by him of Thomas Finney.

To John Chiswell five thousand Acres in Lunenburg, Augusta and Albemarle Counties, beginning on Colonel Richard Randolph's Line near Otter River, and to extend towards the Fluvanna River in three Surveys.

To Richard Kennon two Thousand Acres lying in Lunenburg, situated on both sides Mill Creek, a Branch of Banister River, including three Surveys already made; two of which containing about four Hundred Acres each surveyed for the Petitioner, and one containing six hundred Acres, surveyed for Isaac Cloud.

To Matthew Jordan Leave to include in one Patent four hundred Acres formerly granted to Charles Jordan, and purchased by

the said Matthew, four hundred Acres formerly granted to the said Matthew, and two Hundred Acres lately surveyed for him, all adjoining in Albemarle.

To John Dawson, John Robertson Clerk and James Terry forty five thousand Acres beginning at the Country Line when extended, where it shall cross the River Atkin, and from thence up both sides of the said River for Complement.

To John Dawson, Joseph Cloud and James Terry twelve Thousand Acres, beginning at the Country Line when extended, where it crosses the Tarrale River, a North Branch of the Atkin River, thence up both Sides.

To Patrick Obrian one thousand two hundred Acres on the Branches of Slate River in Albemarle, joining the Lines of Thomas Jones, William Wooldridge, and his own Lines, and to have an inclusive Patent.

At a Council held April the fourteenth 1749

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	William Fairfax
John Custis	John Blair
Thomas Lee	William Nelson Esq^{rs} &
Lewis Burwell	William Dawson D. D.

A Petition of some of the Inhabitants of Stafford County to remove the Court House lower down, was read, and on Consideration thereof, and hearing Parties on both sides, Ordered, That the new Court House be built where the old one stood.[130]

On the Petition of John Robinson Senr Esqr, Thomas Nelson jun^{r} Esqr, John Robinson jun^{r} Esqr, William Beverley, Robert Lewis, John Wilson, Beverley Robinson, Henry Weatherburn, John Lewis, John Crag, William Lewis, and Charles Lewis, Leave is granted them to renew an Order of Council, of the twenty sixth of April 1745, for one hundred thousand Acres lying on Green Brier River, North West and West of the Cow Pasture and Newfoundland, and four years longer Time allowed them to survey and pay

[130]The corresponding entry in *Coun. Min. Bk., 1748-52,* p. [81], begins "A Petition of many of the Inhabitants."

Rights for the same, upon Return of the Plans to the Secretarys office.

April 20th 1749

His Majesty's Letter and Sign Manual dated the thirteenth of January 1748/9 appointing Thomas Nelson Esqr one of his Majesty's Council of State for this Colony having been read, He accordingly upon taking the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament, and the Oath of office was admitted of the Council.

At a Council held April the twenty seventh 1749

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	John Blair
Thomas Lee	William Nelson Esqrs
Lewis Burwell	William Dawson D. D.
William Fairfax	John Lewis, &

Thomas Nelson Esqrs

The Accounts of Contingent Charges from the twenty fifth of October 1748, to the twenty fifth of April 1749, and for Repairs to the Governor's House being laid before the Board, were allowed.

Ordered, That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of King William, That John Martin Gent. be at the Head of it, and that the following Persons be added, Nathaniel West Dandridge to be of the Quorum, George Brooke, William Temple, Edward Pie Chamberlayne, Thomas Chamberlayne, Samuel Spooner, William Dabney, and Stephen Bingham.

Ordered, That a new Commission of the Peace issue for Isle of Wight County, and that the following Persons be in it, viz: Robert Burwell, Lawrence Baker, Thomas Gale, Richard Hardy, Thomas Smith, John Wills, Thomas Applethwaite, William Hodsden, Jordan Thomas, Hugh Giles, Robert Tines, John Eley, James Bridger, Thomas Day, and Joseph Bridger the youngest.

Ordered, That a new Commission of the Peace issue for Southampton County, and that the following Persons be in it, viz: John Person, Joseph Gray, Nathaniel Ridley, Thomas Jarreld, Etheldred

Taylor, Howell Edmonds, John Dunkley, Benjamin Ruffin, Jesse Brown, Benjamin Simmons, James Ridley, Peter Butts, Samuel Blow, Micajah Edwards, & Thomas Williamson.

Ordered, That a new Commission issue for Goochland, and that the following Persons be in it, viz: Tarlton Fleming, Arthur Hopkins, James Holman, John Smith, John Payne, Peter Jefferson, William Miller, Charles Fleming, John Lewis, and John Martin.

Ordered, That a Commission of the Peace issue for Cumberland County, and that the following Persons be in it, viz: John Fleming, Daniel Stoner, George Carrington, Thomas Turpin, Nicholas Davies, Wade Netherland, Stephen Bedford, Samuel Scott, Francis James, Alexander Trent, Benjamin Harrison, Charles Anderson, John Harris, Archibald Cary, James Baines[131], Benjamin Mosby, Jacob Mosby, Creed Haskins, James Terry, Benjamin Harris, Edward Tabb, and William Bernard.

Ordered, That a Commission of the Peace issue for Culpepper County, and that the following Persons be in it, viz: Robert Slaughter, Abraham Field, Samuel Ball, Francis Slaughter, Robert Eastham, William Russell, Henry Field, Goodrick Lightfoot, Philip Clayton, James Pendleton, William Lynn, Thomas Slaughter, William Green, Ambrose Powell & Thomas Scott.

On the Petition of Lunsford Lomax, Clement Reade, & Robert Jones jun^r Gent: in Behalf of themselves and others, Leave is given them to deposit Treasury Rights in the Secretary's Office, for divers Tracts of Land lately granted them, lying in Lunenburg, and the Irvin and Mayo Rivers, and the Branches of them, and for six thousand Acres adjoyning the said Grants purchased by them of Thomas Williams.

On the Petition of Henry Downes and others, Leave is granted them to renew an Order of Council of the twenty sixth of April 1745 for fifty thousand Acres of Land on Green Brier River, and four Years longer Time allow'd them to survey the same.

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted.

To David Le Sueur Eight hundred Acres in Albemarle, beginning at a Pine marked D. L. on his Line on the North Side of

[131]This is possibly Barnes. *Cf.* p. 231 showing that several members of this commission and one, James Barns, were appointed on April 22, 1747, as justices for Goochland County from which Cumberland County was formed in 1749.

Hunt's Creek, one of the Branches of Slate River, & so to run up his said Line, and so up the said Creek, and to have an inclusive Patent with four hundred Acres already patented.

To William Sallé all the Waste Land beginning on Benjamin Witt's Line, so on his Line across Joshua's Creek between William Allen, James Ford and Daniel Ford as far as contains Eight hundred Acres, and to be included in one Patent with one thousand two Hundred Acres already patented.

To Lunsford Lomax three thousand Acres in Albemarle, on the Branches of Pedlar River, to begin on his own Lines on Horsley's Creek to include one thousand Eight hundred Eighty Six Acres already survey'd on both Sides of the said Creek in one Patent.

Reps: Orsborn for five thousand Acres of the vacant Land on the Branches of Blew Stone Creek, and the adjacent Branches of Staunton River, and to include Eight hundred Acres already surveyed for Mackerness Good, and Eight hundred Acres survey'd for himself on the Branches of the Horsepen Creek.

To Mackerness Good two thousand Acres, and to include his Land surveyed on Irby's Branch.

To Joseph Minor two thousand Acres, and to include the one thousand two hundred Acres he bought of Walton on Elk Creek.

To Robert Williams four thousand Acres on the Branches of the Horsepen Creek, and to include his Land survey'd on those Branches.

To George Walton two thousand Acres on Stith's Creek and Eaglesnest Creek, joining Hagood, Williams and Vaughan.

To James Cocke, John Twitty and George Walton twenty thousand acres in Lunenburg, on the little Atkin beginning at a small Fork of the same River, thence up and down including both Forks.

To Taverner Beal, Charles Beal, Richard Beal, Reuben Beal, James Madison, and William Brokenberry, twelve thousand Acres of Land between Chew's Mill Run, and Coke's Mill Run in the Parish of Saint Thomas, and County of Orange, adjoining to the Land of the Petitioners.

To Richard Palmer one hundred fifty Acres in Lunenburg in Cow Island, and to include the same in one Patent, with his old patented Lands adjoining.

To William Howard two thousand Acres, beginning at Col° John Allen's Line, running up the River, and the Branches thereof in Lunenburg.

To Richard Ellis five thousand Acres, on both Sides of the North Fork, on little Thatkin River, beginning near the Head under the blue Ridge of Mountains extending Southerly in Lunenburg.

To James Murray ten thousand Acres, on both Sides of Whipping Creek, joining the said Murray's Lines and Mr Ornsby's extending towards the Branches of Seneca, including about five thousand Acres already surveyed for him in Lunenburg.

To Matthew Talbot two thousand Acres, beginning on Rice Price's, extending up the Branches of Otter River in Lunenburg.

To Jeremiah Hatcher Leave to include four hundred, one hundred Seventy seven, and Eight Hundred Acres, lying on the South Fork of Maherin River.

To Richard Kennon two thousand Acres on Stinking River in Lunenburg, including three Surveys, one made and patented for William Rogers, one made for John Donaldson, & the other for Henry Isham Kennon.

Also one Thousand Acres in Lunenburg, including three Surveys made for the Petitioner, lying in the main Fork of Sandy River.

Also nine Hundred Eighty Eight Acres in Lunenburg, including three Surveys, joining and lying on both Sides of Sandy Creek, viz: three hundred Eighty one Acres surveyed for Henry Isham Kennon; two hundred Seventy two Acres surveyed for the said Henry; and three hundred thirty five surveyed for William Kennon jun^r^

At a Council held May the fifth 1749.[132]

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	John Blair
Thomas Lee	William Nelson Esq^rs^
Lewis Burwell	William Dawson D. D.
William Fairfax	John Lewis &

Thomas Nelson Esq^rs^

[132]The minutes of this meeting in *Coun. Min. Bk., 1748-52*, p. [82], show two additional entries: "Or^d^ y^t^ Walter Campbel be left out of ye Com for Brunswick & y^t^ Buckner Stith be put in his Place" (see p. 279, n. 129); and "Or^d^ y^t^ Charles Lewis be left out of ye Com for Goochland."

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of two Shillings per Hogshead, Port Duties &c. were signed by the Governor in Council.

	£	s	d
For half a Year's Salary to the Governor.....	1,000..	0..	0
For Ditto to the Council.....	300..	0..	0
To the Judges and others of the Court of Oyer and Terminer	100..	0..	0
For half a Year's Salary to the Auditor.....	50..	0..	0
For D° to the Sollicitor of Virginia Affairs.....	50..	0..	0
For D° to the Attorney General.....	35..	0..	0
For D° to the Clerk of the Council.....	50..	0..	0
For D° to the Adjutant	75..	0..	0
For D° to the Armourer	6..	0..	0
For D° to the Gunners of the Batteries.....	21..	0..	0
To the Ministers attending one General Court and Assembly	36..	0..	0
For Repairs to the Governor's House.....	26..	15..	11
For Contingent Charges	403..	15..	11

On the Revenue of Quit Rents

To the Commissary	50..	0..	0
To the Attorney General	35..	0..	0

The Account of his Majesty's Revenue of two Shillings per Hogshead &c from the twenty fifth of October 1748 to the twenty fifth of April 1749, being examined by the Deputy Auditor, and made Oath to by the Receiver General, were certifyed by the Governor as usual.

Ordered, That a new Commission of the Peace issue for Prince William, and that the following Persons be added, viz: John Bell, William Eustace, John Crump, Robert Whitliff, James Nisbett, William Ransdall, John Coppydge, and Cuthbert Harrison.

The following Petitions for Land were read & granted.

To Richard Adams an inclusive Patent for one thousand, one hunded & fifty Acres of Land granted to Ebenezer Adams bearing date the Seventh day of August 1733, and three hundred forty Eight Acres granted to the said Adams by Patent, bearing date the tenth of July 1745, on the Bird Creek in Albemarle.

Also to include in one Patent three Surveys, bearing Date the twenty seventh of September 1729, two of them four hundred each, the other two hundred fifty, granted to the said Ebenezer Adams, on the Branches of the Great and little Bird in Goochland.

To Matthew Talbot and John Brunskill Clerk, twenty thousand Acres of Land, beginning at Randolph's Order of Council, at the Peaks of Otter River, in Lunenburg, and running on the sides and tops of the said Peaks.

On the Petition of Absalom Smith, Son of Lawrence Smith deceased, Leave is granted him to renew in his own Name, an Order of Council for one thousand five hundred Acres in the Parish of Nottoway, and Isle of Wight County, beginning upon the County Line, and up Browns Branch to Blount's Line, and along that Line, thence along Davis's Line to Maherin River, thence down the River to the Country Line, and including the Lands of the Petitioner already survey'd, which Order was made the Eighteenth of April 1747 to the said Lawrence.

John Blair Esqr having in Behalf of himself and Partners petitioned for the Renewal of a Grant made to them the fourth of November 1745, for one hundred thousand Acres on Youhoganie; and that four Years longer be allowed them to survey the same, the Governor acquainting the Board that he cou'd not permit any more Lands to be surveyed in those parts till he received his Majesty's Directions therein, Ordered, That the Consideration of the said Petition be deferred till his Majesty's Pleasure be known, And That the postponing thereof shall not prejudice the Right of the Petitioners.

John Tayloe, William Parks and James Wood having in Behalf of themselves and Company petitioned for Leave to renew a Grant for one hundred thousand Acres lying in Augusta County on three Branches of the Mississippi River, the one known by the Name of Wood's River, the other two to the Westward thereof, and on the Branches of the said Rivers, and for four Years longer Time to compleat the Surveys,

Ordered, That the Consideration of the said Petition be deferred, and that the postponing of it shall not prejudice the Right of the Petitioners.

Ordered, That no Surveyor do survey any Lands beyond the great Mountains, commonly call'd the blue Ridge, on any Entry, or Order of Council, nor receive Entries for such Lands till further Orders, and that this Order be put into the next Virginia Gazette.

At a Council held May the ninth 1749.

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	John Blair
Thomas Lee	William Nelson Esq^{rs}
Lewis Burwell	William Dawson D. D.
William Fairfax	John Lewis &

Thomas Nelson Esq^{rs}

Ordered, That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Henrico, and that the following Persons be in it, viz: Beverley Randolph, Peter Randolph, William Randolph, Richard Randolph, Philip Mayo, Isaac Winstone, John Pooall, Thomas Moseley, John Williamson, William Lewis, John Stewart and William Harding.

Ordered, That a Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Chesterfield, and that the following Persons be in it, viz: William Kennon, John Bolling, William Gay, Richard Royal, William Kennon jun^{r}, John Archer, Richard Eppes, Seth Ward, John Royal, William Eppes, Robert Good, Henry Randolph, Edward Osborne jun^{r} and Robert Kennon.

Ordered, That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Orange, and that the following Persons be added, viz: Taverner Beale, William Taliaferro, Erasmus Taylor, James Madison, John Willis, Alexander Waugh, Francis Moore, and Henry Downs, and That Charles Curtis, James Coleman, and Joseph Thomas be left out.

Ordered, That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Augusta, and that the Persons following be added, viz: James Rutledge, Robert Hock, Samuel Odell, Henry Downs jun^{r} Patrick Martin, John Lyle, Archibald Alexander, John Mills, William Harmison, Erwin Paterson, William Harbeson, Abraham Vanderpoole, David Steuart, James Lockhart, Andrew Lewis, John Matthews, Benjamin Borden, Joseph Kennedy, Richard Woods, and Ephraim Voss.

Ordered, That a Commission of the Peace issue for Northampton County, and that the following Persons be added, viz: Kendall Harmanson, William Waters, William Tazewell jun^{r} and John Harmanson, and that William Smith, John Marshall and John Roberts be left out.

At a Council held May the Tenth 1749

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	John Blair
Thomas Lee	William Nelson Esq^{rs}
Lewis Burwell	William Dawson D. D.
William Fairfax	John Lewis &

Thomas Nelson Esq^{rs}

On the Motion of the Officers of his Majesty's Revenue, they are impowered to sign Rights to the Value of five hundred Pounds, and the Receiver General is to issue them as usual.

Ordered, That the Receiver General pay Mr Perrin the Sum of Ten Pounds for his Trouble in apprehending and bringing from North Carolina, a Negroe Man Slave charged with Felony, for which he was executed.

On the Petition of James Power Gent: Leave is granted him to renew an Order of Council of the tenth of December 1747, for six thousand Acres in Lunenburg, lying upon Jordan's Creek, a Branch of Irwin River, and the Branches thereof, and to insert his own Name instead of that of Lunsford Lomax, who has transferred his Right to him.

At a Council held June the fourteenth 1749.

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	William Nelson Esq^{rs}
Thomas Lee	William Dawson D. D.
Lewis Burwell	John Lewis &
John Blair	Thomas Nelson Esq^{rs}

Ordered, That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of New Kent, and that the following Persons be added, viz: John Shermer, Gill Armistead, William Macon jun^{r}, Jesse Scott, and Charles Massie.

Ordered, That a new Commission of the Peace issue for Augusta County, and that the following Persons be in it, viz: James Patten, John Lewis, John Buchannan, Peter Scholl, Robert Campbell, Thomas

Lewis, Robert Cunningham, John Wilson, Silas Hart, William Jameson, Richard Burton, Andrew Lewis, David Stuart, Patrick Martin, James Rutlidge, John Lynn, James Lockhart, Alexander Wright, Erwin Patterson, John Mills, Robert McClenachan, Thomas English, Robert Ramsay, and Archibald Alexander; also Benjamin Borden, Richard Wood, John Matthews and Joseph Kennedy, and that the four last mentioned be placed next after the Justices in the last Commission.

Ordered, That the Receiver General advance three hundred forty Pounds, for the Expences in running the Line between Virginia and North Carolina, by the middle of August, and three hundred more by the middle of November, to be remitted to some Merchant at Warwick, and paid to Mr Joshua Fry.

On the Motion of the Officers of his Majesty's Revenue, they are impowered to sign Rights to the Value of five hundred Pounds, and the Receiver General is to issue them as usual.

Philip Grymes Esqr producing to the Board, His Majesty's Letters Patent under the great Seal of Great Britain, bearing Date the fourteenth of May, constituting him and John Roberts Esqrs Receiver General of his Majesty's Revenues arising within This Colony and Dominion of Virginia, entered into Bond of six thousand Pound Penalty with Philip Ludwell and Peyton Randolph Esqrs his Securities, and took the Oath of Office.

The Governor was pleased to appoint the Persons afternamed, to be Sheriffs of the following Counties, viz: for

Accomack	Thomas Teackle
Albemarle	Charles Lynch
Amelia	William Watson
Augusta	John Lewis
Brunswick	Nicholas Edmunds
Caroline	James Taylor
Elizabeth City	Robert Armistead
Fairfax	Lewis Elzey
James City	William Hocker
Louisa	Charles Barrett
Norfolk	William Portlock
Northampton	Thomas Preson
Northumberland	Samuel Blackwell
Princess Anne	John Thorowgood
Prince George	Anthony Haines

Prince William.....Valentine Peyton
Spotsylvania.....Richard Tutt
Stafford.....Benjamin Strother
Warwick.....Henry Scasbrooke
Westmoreland.....James Steptoe

The Receiver General is to be allowed twenty two and one half per Cent' for the Difference of Exchange for the current Year.

Ordered, That when it appears that Rights have been paid into the Secretary's Office, and destroyed, or otherways secreted, the Party shall not be obliged to pay the same over again.

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted.

To William Irby Eight hundred Acres in Lunenburg upon the South Fork of Difficult Creek, beginning at Henry Sizemore's Line, so up both sides of the said Creek.

To Richard Parsons two thousand Acres in Lunenburg, including the Land he lives upon, and one other Survey upon Mill Creek.

To William Evans one thousand Acres, including Eight Hundred already surveyed on the Branches of Blew Stone in Lunenburg.

To Samuel Mangum one thousand Acres to include Murfey's Survey, on the great Creek in Lunenburg.

To Samuel Harris one thousand six hundred Acres, on the Branches of Blue Stone and Staunton Rivers, and to include his surveyed and patented Land in Lunenburg.

To Thomas Bouldin one thousand Acres on the Branches of little Roanoak, including his surveyed and patented Land in Lunenburg.

To Samuel Harris, John Cargill, Robert Kennon, and Buckner Stith twenty thousand Acres beginning at the Head of Tarrarat joining the Country Line when extended, running under the blew Ridge.

To Samuel Johnson four hundred fifty four Acres in Lunenburg, on Ward's Fork of little Roanoak, joining John Martin and John Austin's Lands.

To Henry Robinson two thousand Acres, and to include his patented Land on both sides of Blew Stone Creek in Lunenburg.

To Obediah Woodson, Robert Walton, John Hall, and George Walton, twenty thousand Acres on the several Branches of Goose

Creek, beginning on the rocky Fork of the said Creek, and to join Randolph's Line in Lunenburg.

To William Harris one thousand Acres on the Head Branches of Blewstone Creek, including his Land surveyed in Lunenburg.

To William Grigg, one thousand one hundred Acres, on the Branches of Dry Creek, including his Land surveyed in Lunenburg.

To Samuel Harris five thousand Acres in Lunenburg, upon Tall Creek beginning at the lower End of James Cargill's upper Survey, running up both Sides of each Fork, to include several Entries and Surveys.

To Samuel Harris Eight thousand Acres on a Place called the Bear Garden, on the South Side of the Atkin River, beginning at a black Walnut, running up both Sides to the Fork, and up both Sides of the South Fork in Lunenburg.

To Arthur Moseley one thousand five hundred Acres in Albemarle, on the Head Branches of Jones's Creek, and to include with it four hundred Acres surveyed for himself but not patented; four hundred surveyed for, and patented to Patrick O Brian which he has purchased; two hundred twenty two surveyed for, and patented to Thomas Turpin; and ninety Six Acres surveyed for the said Turpin, but not patented, which he has lately purchased, and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Thomas Turpin Eight hundred Acres on the Branches of Willis's Creek, lying between the Lines of John Gannaway, Peter Brooks, Joel Walker, and John Hodnet in Albemarle.

To Richard Woodson one thousand two hundred Acres, on the Branches of Willis's Creek, and Dry Creek, and the Branches of green Creek in Goochland now Cumberland

To William Randolph Leave to include six hundred Acres in Lunenburg formerly Brunswick, granted to Matthew Talbot by Patent dated the twelth January 1746, and purchased of him by the said Randolph, and three hundred seventy Eight Acres in Lunenburg granted to the said Randolph the fifth of April 1748, and two hundred and four Acres in the said County likewise granted to the said Randolph, by Patent April the fifth 1748, in one Patent.

To John Cox three thousand Acres in Lunenburg, joining Capt: Nash's Line on Sandy River, running up the the [*sic*] said River and branches thereof for Complement.

To Matthew Talbot ten thousand Acres on the branches of Goose Creek, joining the flat Top Mountain.

Peter Hudson having entered a Caveat against John Bolling for two hundred Acres upon the Fork of the Piney Branch on the North Side of Difficult Creek in Lunenburg, the Plaintiff appearing, and the Defendant having been summoned, and not appearing, it is ordered that the Plaintiff have a Patent.

Thomas Dickinson having entered a Caveat against Thomas Bley, Son and Heir of William Bley deceased for one hundred and fifty Acres, or thereabouts, on the North Side of Gravely Run, joining James Butler in Prince George, it is ordered, after hearing Council on both Sides, that the said Caveat be dismist, but that the Defendant pay the Costs.

Isham Eppes having entered a Caveat against Thomas Rance, for two hundred Acres or thereabouts, lying on Hatcher's Run in Prince George, the Plaintiff appearing, and the Defendant having been summoned and not appearing, it is ordered, that the Plaintiff have a Patent for the said Land.

John Cock having entered a Caveat against Terre Harris for three hundred fifteen Acres in Albemarle, on the South Side of Willis's Creek, also for four hundred Acres on the North Side of the said Creek, it appearing by the Return of the Sheriff that the Defendant is no Inhabitant of the Country, it is Ordered, That the Plaintiff have a Patent for the said Land.

Robert Poage having entered a Caveat against George Robinson, and James Wood for four thousand Acres on Mill Creek on the Forks of James River in Augusta, the Plaintiff appearing, and the Defendant not appearing, it is Ordered, That the Plaintiff have a Patent for the said Land.

Theophilus Field having entered a Caveat against George Currie for four hundred Acres in Lunenburg, lying on the lower Side of Grassy Creek, beginning at Samuel Hudson's, alias Theophilus Field's upper Corner on the Creek, thence up the said Creek, and down the said Line; after hearing Council on both Sides, it is Ordered, That the Plaintiff have a Patent for the said Land.

Samuel Jordan having entered a Caveat against Abraham Cocke for a Tract of Land lying on both sides of Maherin River in Lunenburg; upon hearing Council on both Sides, it is Ordered, That the said Caveat be dismissed.

Mary Jordan having entered a Caveat against Frederick Jones for two Hundred Acres in Prince George, lapsed from Peter Jones Son and Heir of Abraham Jones deceased, also for three hundred

Acres in Prince George lapsed from Peter Jones Son and Heir of Abraham Jones deceased, on hearing Council on both sides, it is Ordered, That the said Caveat be dismissed.

At a Council held July the Twelth 1749

Present
The Governor

John Robinson	John Blair Esq^{rs}
Thomas Lee	William Dawson D. D. &
Lewis Burwell	John Lewis Esqr

His Majesty's Letter and Sign Manual dated the sixteenth of March 1748/9 appointing Philip Grymes Esqr one of his Majesty's Council of State for this Colony having been read, He accordingly upon taking the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament, and the Oath of Office, was admitted of the Council.

Upon Reading the Copy of an Order of Court for Culpepper County recommending the Land of Mr Robert Coleman as the most convenient Place, whereon to erect the Court House, it is

Ordered, That the Court House for the said County, be accordingly there erected and established.

The Governor acquainting the Board that he had taken his Passage with Capt Robinson, who for his better Accommodation had agreed to leave out one hundred and fifty Hogsheads of Tobacco, the Council, on Consideration thereof, were pleased to order the Recever General to pay his Honour three Hundred Pounds Sterling to satisfy the Captain for the Loss of so much Freight.

In Pursuance of his Majesty's Instructions of March last communicated by the Governor to the Board, Leave is granted to John Hanbury of London Merchant, Thomas Lee Esqr, Thomas Nelson Esqr, Colonel Cressup, Colonel William Thornton, Daniel Cressup, John Carlyle, Lawrence Washington, Augustine Washington, George Fairfax, Jacob Gyles, Nathaniel Chapman, and James Woodrop Esq^{rs} to take up and Survey two Hundred thousand Acres betwixt Romanetto's and Buffalo's Creek, on the South Side of the River Alligane, otherwise the Ohio, and betwixt the two Creeks and the yellow Creek on the North Side of the River, or in such other Parts of the West of the Great Mountains, as shall be

adjudged most proper by the Petitioners for making Settlements thereon, free from the Payment of any Rights, as also from the Payment of any Quit Rents for the Space of Ten Years, and then to pay only the usual Quit Rents for so much of the said Lands as they shall have cultivated within that Time, on Condition that they erect a Fort on the said Lands, and place a sufficient Garrison therein for the Security and Protection of the Settlers, and likewise, seat at their proper Expence an Hundred Families thereon in seven Years, and that no Person already possessed of Lands in this Colony, held of his Majesty by Quit Rent be admitted to take up or settle any of the Lands granted to the Petitioners without giving Security for continuing the Payment of the Quit Rents for the Lands by them heretofore possessed, notwithstanding their Removal; and that they do not interfere with any Grants already made, And as soon as the said two hundred thousand Acres shall be settled, a Fort erected, and a sufficient Garrison placed therein, they have Leave to take up and survey three hundred thousand Acres more, under the like Restrictions and Conditions as for the first two hundred thousand Acres, and adjoining thereto within the said Limits.[133]

On the Petition of Bernard Moore, Benjamin Hubbard, Philip Aylett, Thomas Dansie, John Snelson, George Carrington, James Power, Duncan Graham, William Taylor, and Job Thomas, Leave is granted them to take up and survey one hundred thousand Acres of Land on the Waters of Missisippi River, beginning at ten Trees marked PTG standing in a Fork of a Branch of the said River, known by the Name of New River, and so down the said River, and the Waters of the said Missisippi River, and to be allowed four Years Time to survey and pay Rights for the same upon Return of the Plans to the Secretary's Office.

On the Petition of John Lewis Esqr, Thomas Walker, John Meriwether, Charles Lewis, James Power, Peter Jefferson, Charles Dick, Charles Barrett, Joshua Fry, Thomas Turpin, John Harvey, Thomas Meriweather, Thomas Meriwether jun^{r} John Baylor, Sam-

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[133]Grant to the Ohio Company. In "The Memorial and Petition of the Ohio Company" to the General Assembly of Virginia, November 20, 1778 (original manuscript in the Virginia State Library) George Mason stated that the name of William Thornton was given in error instead of Francis Thornton, and that Daniel Cresap (Cressup), whose name had been placed on the petition, was not a member of the company.

uel Waddy, Robert Barrett, Henry Willis, Peachy Gilmer, John Lewis, James Maury, Thomas Lewis, Peter Hedgeman, John Moore, Robert Martin, Henry Tate, Richard Jones, William Wood, Samuel Dalton, Francis Thornton, Francis Thornton jun^r^, John Thornton, John Pierce, William Stevenson, Nicholas Lewis, Lewis Nicholas Meriwether, William Hudson, Francis Meriwether, Humphry Hill and John Dixon, Leave is given them to take up and survey Eight Hundred Thousand Acres of Land in one or more Surveys, beginning on the Bounds between this Colony and North Carolina, and running to the Westward and to the North so as to include the said Quantity, and they are allowed four Years Time to survey and pay Rights for the same, upon Return of the Plans to the Secretary's Office.

On the Petition of Peyton Randolph, Alexander M^c^Kenzie, Robert Tucker, John Tucker, George Gilmer, Benjamin Waller, William Parks, Armistead Burwell, Edmund Pendleton, John Willoughby, John Madison, John Shelton, John Garland, Thomas Williamson, Maximilian Colvert, Cornelius Colvert, Paul Loyal, and George Logan, Leave is granted them to take up and survey four hundred thousand Acres of Land, in one or more Surveys, lying on New River commonly call'd Wood's River, and the Waters thereof, and four Years Time allowed them to survey and pay Rights for the same, upon Return of the Plans to the Secretary's office.

On the Petition of William Winstone jun^r^, Isaac Winstone jun^r^, Peter Fontaine jun^r^, Edmond Winstone, and Samuel Red, Leave is granted them to take up and survey fifty thousand Acres of Land, beginning at Old Fort between Ohio and Missisippi Rivers, running up the Western Side of Ohio, and Eastern Side of Missisippi, in one or more Surveys, between the said Rivers, and four Years Time allowed them to survey and pay Rights for the same, upon Return of the Plans to the Secretary's Office.

On the Petition of John Tayloe, William Parks, and James Wood in Behalf of themselves and Company, Leave is given them to renew their Grant for one hundred thousand Acres of Land, lying in Augusta County, on three Branches of the Missisipi River, the one known by the Name of Wood's River, the other two to the Westward thereof, and on the waters of the said Rivers, and two Years longer Time allowed them to compleat their Surveys.

The following Petitions for Land were also read and granted.

To Hugh Miller two thousand Acres, including the Land he bought of John McDonald on Mountain Creek in Lunenburg.

To Edward Harris Eight hundred Acres including his Land surveyed on Thominsons Branch in Lunenburg.

To Joseph John Clinch, Peter Warren, Thomas Adams, and Samuel Judkins, four thousand Acres in Lunenburg, beginning where the Country Line shall cross the little Fork of Dan River, thence up the said River, or it's Branches.

To Daniel Maupin Leave to include in one Patent one hundred and ten Acres, three hundred and Eighty Eight, and two Surveys of four hundred each, and two more of four hundred each, all adjoining in Albemarle.

To Robert Walton one thousand five hundred Acres including four hundred and Eighty already surveyed, on Pig River at the Mouth of Frying Pan Creek, and to include one thousand Acres with his two thousand already surveyed on the South Fork of Mayo River in Lunenburg.

To Edward Thweet one thousand two hundred Acres joining Samuel Baker and others, on the Head of Tossakia Creek in Lunenburg.

To Richard Callaway five thousand Acres on the North Branches of Otter River, beginning on the Hurricane Fork of Minikin Creek in Lunenburg.

To Jeremiah White one thousand Acres including his Land surveyed on the Branches of the Horsepen Creek in Lunenburg.

Upon the Recommendation of his Honour the Governor it is Ordered, That a Negroe Man, born a Slave, belonging to his Honour, named Captain John, be manumitted and set free.

Ordered, That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Brunswick, and that John Wall be left out of it.

On the Motion of Mr Attorney Leave is granted to take the Deposition of Thomas Pitman, who is dangerously ill, summon'd as a Witness in a Cause depending before the Governor and Council, between Lynch and Jones, giving the said Jones legal Notice of the Time and Place of taking such Deposition.

At a Council held August twenty sixth 1749 at York.

Present
The Governor

Lewis Burwell	William Dawson D. D.
John Blair	John Lewis
William Nelson Esqr	Thomas Nelson &

Philip Grymes Esq^{rs}

The Governor was pleased to communicate to the Board the following Letter.

Sir,

This is to acknowledge the Receipt of your Honour's Directions to attend a Council to be held to morrow at York, which my ill State of Health renders it impossible to comply with. A Consciousness of my Inability has made me long decline all publick Business, and determines me no more to interfere with any Affairs of the Government during the Incapacity I at present labour under. I heartily wish your Honour a good Passage to England, and all Happiness, and am with the greatest Respect,

Sir, your Honour's
most obedient humble Servant
John Custis.

Williamsburg
August 25th 1749

The Council, having taken the Subject Matter of the said Letter into Consideration were unanimously of Opinion, that John Custis Esqr is utterly incapable of managing the Business of the Government, which, by the Governor's Commission is, in his absence, to devolve on the said John Custis, as being the first of the Council: that it was absolutely necessary for his Majesty's Service, and the Safety, Honour, and Interest of this Colony, that the said John Custis be suspended from the Place of a Member of this Board, and therefore advised the Governor to suspend him accordingly. Upon which Advice, as well as his own Knowledge of the Incapacity of the said John Custis, the Governor was pleased to declare the said John Custis suspended from acting as a Member of his Majesty's Council; and to order the Clerk to give Notice hereof to Thomas Lee Esq next of the Council, and desire him to come down to Williamsburg, with all convenient Speed, and ap-

point a Council to swear him into the Execution of his Office, immediately on the Governor's Departure.

At a Council held September the fourth 1749.

Present
The Honourable Thomas Lee Esq[r]
President

Lewis Burwell	William Dawson D. D. &
John Blair	Thomas Nelson Esq
William Nelson Esq[rs]	

M[r] President this Day took the Oaths appoint'd to be taken by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and took, and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and subscribed the Test, was also sworn to observe the Acts of Trade, and faithfully to discharge the Office of Commander in Cheif of his Majesty's Colony of Virginia.

The Council desired the President to write by the first Opportunity for Lord Albemarle's Instructions.

At a Council held October tenth 1749

Present
The President

John Blair	John Lewis
William Nelson Esq[rs]	Thomas Nelson &
William Dawson D. D.	Philip Grymes Esq[rs]

M[r] President was pleased to lay before the Board the following Case. "The Reverend M[r] Eleazer Robertson arrived here lately from England under an Engagement to teach a School for the annual Salary of Sixty pounds, but the Contractors being unable to stand to their Agreement, he applyed for a Recommendation to a Parish; he was well recommended, in all Respects qualifyed for the ministerial Office, and brought in with him all requisite Powers, (except a Certificate from the Lord Bishop of London of his being conformable to the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of Eng-

land,) all which were produced":[134] and his Honour desired the Opinion of the Council, whether his Majestys Instruction requiring such Certificate, might under these Circumstances be dispensed with.

The Council having considered the Case, were of Opinion that his Majesty's Instruction ought to be adhered to, and that the said Mr Robertson coud not at present be absolately preferred to any Ecclesiastical Benefice, but might be recommended to a Living, and receiv'd, on Condition of his obtaining by the first convenient Opportunity a Certificate from the Bishop of London; and it was their Advice that Mr Commissary wou'd be pleased to write, and to represent the whole of the Case to his Lordship.

The Council having taken under their Consideration, the ruinous Condition of the Governor's House, thought proper that it shou'd be surveyed by some skilful Persons, and an Estimate made by them of the Charge of putting it in good Repair; and were pleased to appoint Mr James Wray and Mr Richard Taliaferro for that Purpose, and ordered the Clerk to give Notice to them thereof, and desire that they would forthwith carefully view and inspect the said House, and make a Report as soon as possibly they could of the Expence which they shou'd judge the Reparation might amount to.

At a Council held October the thirteenth 1749.

Present
The President

Lewis Burwell	William Dawson D. D.
John Blair	John Lewis
William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson &
William Nelson Esqrs	Philip Grymes Esqrs

Ordered, That a Proclamation immediately issue for continuing all publick Officers in their respective places.

Ordered, That a special Commission issue to empower the Right Honourable the Lord Fairfax to act as a Justice of the Peace in all the Counties in the Northern Neck.

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[134]Quotation marks which occur also at the beginning and end of each line of the original are omitted here, especially since the manuscript and printed lines do not match in the words contained in each.

Ordered, That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Lunenburg; and that John Edloe, Richard Witton, and Thomas Wynne Gent: be added.

Ordered, That a new Commission of the Peace issue for Charles City County, and that William Lightfoot, William Byrd, and Benjamin Harrison Gent: be added, that Mr Lightfoot be placed according to his Rank in York, that Mr Byrd be of the Quorum, and Mr Harrison last in the Commission.

The Council understanding that various Opinions prevailed about the Country in Relation to the Inspectors, whether by the late Tobacco Law the[y] were obliged to take out new Commissions, and having duly considered the said Law, were of Opinion that it was necessary for all the Inspectors to have new Commissions, and that they cou'd not justify acting under their old, after the tenth Day of November next; they also resolved that the old Inspectors, who are recommended by the Court, shall always be preferred.

Ordered, That a new Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Frederick and that the following Persons be in it, viz: George William Fairfax, Morgan Morgan, Marquis Calmeze, Thomas Chester, Lewis Neil, John White, Meredith Helms, John Lindsey, Jacob Hite, Thomas Swearingham, Solomon Hedges, Samuel Earl, Isaac Perkins, Charles Buck, John Hite, Gersham Keyes, John Neil, Lewis Stephens, John Harding, Benjamin Foreman, Isaac Hite, Henry Vanmeter.

Ordered, That the Clerk summon John Willis Gent: of the County of Brunswick to appear at this Board, the Second of next Month to confront Mr John Wall of the said County, who has petitioned to be restored to his Place of a Justice.

At a Council held October the twenty seventh 1749

Present
The President

Lewis Burwell	William Dawson D. D.
John Blair	John Lewis
William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson &
William Nelson Esqrs	Philip Grymes Esqrs

The President was pleased to communicate to the Board, a Letter from Mr Hugh Parker dated August the Sixteenth 1749, signifying that the Indians were alarmed at hearing of a Fort being intended to be

erected by the Ohio Company, and were determined to oppose any such Attempt: Upon which it was the Advice of the Board that Mr President would trouble himself to send a Letter by a special Messenger to Conrad Weiser Esq desiring him to enquire strictly into the Truth of such Report, and return as soon as possible a full Relation of what he shall be able to learn relating thereto.

Ordered, That a new Commission of the Peace issue for Prince William, and that Mr Cuthbert Harrison be restor'd to his Place.

Ordered, That a new Comission of the Peace issue for Lancaster, and that the following Persons be added, viz: Richard Selden, William Ball, George Heale, John Fleet, Martin Shearman, William Dymer, Merryman Payne, & William Downman.

Ordered, That a new Comission of the Peace issue for Fairfax, that Catesby Cocke Gent: be placed next to the Chair, and that William Payne be left out.

Ordered, That a new Commission issue for Elizabeth City, and that John Hunter, and John Jenkins Gent: be added.

Ordered, That a new Commission issue for Goochland, and that the following Gentlemen be added, viz: Charles Bates, William Pryor, Josias Payne, William Ford, John Cobbs, and Thomas Starkes.

Ordered, That a new Commission issue for Augusta, and that the following Gentlemen be added, viz: John Anderson, Adam Dickenson, John Denton, John Ruddell, Matthias Saltzer, William Christian, Thomas Stuart, William Harbeson, Robert Breckenridge, and John Lyle.

The Receiver General is allowed twenty five per Cent for the difference of Exchange, for the current Year.

Ordered, That the Receiver General pay twenty Six Pounds to Richard Hall, for Damages he has sustained by the Indians.

At a Council held November the Second 1749.

Present
The President

Lewis Burwell	William Dawson D. D.
William Fairfax	John Lewis
John Blair	Thomas Nelson &
William Nelson Esqrs	Philip Grymes Esqrs

John Willis Esqr and Mr John Wall appeared this day before the Council, and on hearing both Parties, it was the Opinion of the Council that the said John Wall had not cleared up his Character in so satisfactory a manner as to deserve to be restored to his Place in the Commission of the Peace, that if he desired it, he might be indulged in another Hearing, and in such Case, that Mr William Macklin, Mr James Murray, and Mr Clement Reade, ought to be summoned to appear.

Ordered, That a new Commission of the Peace issue for Brunswick, that William Macklin and James Hicks be restored to their old Place, that Walter Campbell be added, and John Paterson left out.

The Council this Day having taken a View of the Governor's House, and considered the bad State in which they found it, were of Opinion, that it should be generally and thoroughly repaired.

Ordered, That the Receiver General advance the Sum of three hundred pounds out of the Revenue of Quit Rents, for the use of the Commissioners for continuing the Line between Virginia and North Carolina, and that it be lodged in the Hands of Mr Alexander Spiers of Warwick, by the middle of this Month, and if the same is not approved of by his Majesty, the Receiver General is allowed to place that Sum, and all other Sums advanced for that Purpose, to the Revenue of two Shillings per Hogshead &c.

The Account of Contingent Charges from the twenty Fifth of April 1749, to the twenty Fifth of October 1749, and for Repairs to the Governor's House, being laid before the Board were allow'd.

On the Petition of Mr Andrew Sprowl setting forth That the the [*sic*] Ship Freemason, Robert Paterson Master, being lately loaden with Tobacco in Maryland, was by Severity of the Weather cast away in Lynhaven Bay, and that great Part of the Tobacco was sav'd, and brought to Norfolk, it is

Ordered, That whatever Tobacco shall be saved out of the said Ship, may be reship'd on Board any Ship qualifyed, and that not to be subjected to an Inspection here, (the Reshipper making it appear upon Oath to the Naval Officer that the said Tobacco was ship'd in Maryland) or to the Payment of any Duties.

At a Council held November the Sixth 1749.

Present
The President

William Fairfax	William Dawson D. D.
John Blair	John Lewis
William Nelson Esq^{rs}	Thomas Nelson &

Philip Grymes Esq^{rs}

Ordered, That the General Assembly be further prorogued to the last Thursday in May next, and that a Proclamation forthwith issue for that Purpose.

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of two Shillings per Hogshead, Port Duties &c, were signed by the President in Council.

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For half a Year's Salary to the Governor	1,000	0	0
For D^{o} to the Council	300	0	0
To the Judges and others of the Court of Oyer and Terminer	100	0	0
For half a Year's Salary to the Auditor	50	0	0
For D^{o} to the Sollicitor of Virginia Affairs	50	0	0
For D^{o} to the Attorney General	35	0	0
For D^{o} to the Clerk of the Council	50	0	0
For D^{o} to the Adjutant	75	0	0
For Half a Year's Salary to the Armourer	6	0	0
For D^{o} to the Guners of the Batteries	21	0	0
To the Ministers attending one General Court	8	0	0
For Repairs to the Governor's House	18	1	5
For Contingent Charges	500	6	8

On the Revenue of Quit Rents

To the Commissary	50	0	0
To the Attorney General	35	0	0

The Accounts of his Majestys Revenue of Quit Rents from the twenty fifth of April 1748, to the twenty fifth of April 1749, also the Accounts of the Revenue of two Shillings per Hogshead, Port Duties &c from the twenty fifth of April 1749, to the twenty fifth of October

1749 being examined by the Deputy Auditor, and made Oath to by the Receiver General, were certifyed by the President as usual.

Ordered, That a new Commission of the Peace issue for Hanover, and that the following Persons be added, viz: James Littlepage, William Coles, Anthony Winston, William Overton, John Winston, Thomas Wingfield, John Street, and David Anderson; that James Overton and John Smith who are dead, John Chiswell, William Winston jun^r^, John Bickerton, Thomas Booth, and Thomas Meriwether who have refused to qualify themselves, and John Dixon, and Nelson Anderson who are removed out of the County, be left out of it, and that John Darracott be of the Quorum.

Ordered, That an Advertisement be inserted in the next Virginia Gazette, signifying that Surveyors are now at Liberty to proceed in surveying any Lands beyond the great Mountains, so that they don't interfere with the Grant to the Ohio Company.

The following Petitions for Land were read and grant'd.

To Tucker Woodson ten thousand Acres on the South Branches of Otter River, joining the upper Part of Hall's, Walton's and Woodson's Order for twenty thousand Acres in Lunenburg.

Also ten thousand Acres on the Branches of Pig River, and Irwin River, between the little Mountains, and the Blue Ridge on both Sides the Mountain Track in Lunenburg.

To Stephen Evans two thousand Acres on the Branches of middle Fork, and blue Stone Creek, and to include Six hundred and fifty Acres already Survey'd in Lunenburg.

To Richard Womack, John Made, and John Hall, ten thousand Acres on the North Side of Goose Creek beginning at Thomas Prather's Road at a blaz'd white Oak, thence on both Sides the said Road for Quantity.

To Anthony Walke, Kenneth Mackenzie, James Terry and Hezekiah Ford, forty thousand Acres upon Atkin River, beginning at Dawson's, Robinson's, and Terry's North Line, when run, and so round their Lines, and out for Complement.

To Isaiah Burton six thousand Acres in Albemarle, beginning at James Gate's Corner Tree upon the North Side of Slate River, running up Walton's Line, and so to extend up the Branches for Complement.

To Stephen Ford Two thousand Acres in Albemarle beginning on William Allen's Corner tree, and so running up Slate River on the

South Side to Henry Hamilton's Line up the same, and to extend up the Branches for Complement.

To Henry Cary Leave to add one thousand two Hundred Acres in Albemarle, already surveyed in three Surveys, to his old Patent of Seventeen thousand Acres in the said County, formerly Goochland.

To John Chiswell ten thousand Acres in Albemarle, in three Surveys, the Land there being rocky and mountainous, lying between the Lines of Braxton, Rucker, Rose, and the Fluvanna.

To Edward Powell Leave to include three Surveys already made, with one thousand Acres of new Land, joining the Lines of William and Ephraim Sizemore, one of the said Surveys being the Place he now lives on, on Banister River.

To Peter Fontaine jun^{r} Leave to patent a Tract of Land he purchased of Ralph Hunt, who purchas'd it from Samuel Wynn, situated on one of the branches of Nottoway River, known by the Name of Wool Creek, inclusively with another Tract purchas'd by the Petitioner of the abovementioned Ralph Hunt, containing by Patents about one hundred and thirty two Acres.

To Robert Jones jun^{r} two thousand five hundred Acres in Lunenburg, on the North Side of Roanoak River, joining the Lines of John Davis, Humphry Hersay, Owen Mirick, Reuben Morgan, and Philip Morgan, including five hundred and fifty six Acres purchased from Drury Stith, and two hundred and seventy Eight Acres laps'd from John Cook, and Richard Lot Cook.

To Nicholas Edmunds Four Thousand Acres in Brunswick on Little Creek and the Branches of Teague Creek joining Blunt's Woods and Rigsby's Lines and including two Surveys made by Drury Stith for the said Edmunds, One of Two Hundred and One Acres, the other of One Hundred and Seventy.

At a Council held November the Seventh 1749

Present

The President

William Fairfax — William Dawson D: D:

John Blair Esq^{rs} — John Lewis &

Philip Grymes Esq^{rs}

Ordered, That the Clerk write to William Westwood, Jacob Walker, and Merrit Swiney Gent: and Desire them to View the Fort at Point

Comfort, and Report as soon as Conveniently they can what Damages have been done there by the late Storm, and what in their Judgment it will Cost to Repair, also to inquire into the Losses which Mr Baron has Sustain'd.

Ordered, That the Receiver General, Pay to Mr Baron in Advance for what he has Suffer'd, One Hundred Pounds.

At a Council held December the Thirteenth 1749

Present
The President

Lewis Burwell	William Dawson D: D:
John Blair	John Lewis
William Nelson Esqrs	Thomas Nelson &

Philip Grymes Esqrs

The Gentlemen appointed to View the Damage Done by the late Storm to Fort George on Point Comfort &c: Reported That they had view'd the said Fort, and the House belonging thereto, wherein Mr Baron lived, and are of opinion that about the Sum of Twelve Hundred pounds will Repair them, that they had likewise inquired into Mr Baron's Loss, and beleive that about the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds will Satisfy the Damage he has Suffered. Whereupon it was the Advice of the Council that the President would be pleas'd to make a Representation of the State and Situation of the said Fort, to the Lords of Trade.

Ordered that the Receiver General pay the further Sum of Fifty Pounds to Mr Baron for the Losses he has Sustain'd.

His Majesty's Letter and Sign Manual Dated the Second of May 1749 appointing Peter Randolph Esqr One of his Majesty's Council of State for this Colony, having been read, He accordingly upon taking the Oath's appointed by Act of Parliament, and the Oath of Office, was admitted of the Council.

Ordered, That the Receiver General pay to Richard Peters Esqr the Sum of Sixty Six pounds, ten Shillings being the Sum paid by him on Account of this Government for Conveying a Present to the Indians.

Ordered That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Warwick, that William Digges Gent be of the Quorum,

also the next five Justices in the last Comission and that William Roscow Junr Nathaniel Wythe, and Maurice Langhorne be added.

On the Motion of the Officers of His Majesty's Revenue they are impower'd to Sign Rights to the Value of Five hundred Pounds and the Receiver General is to Issue them as usual.

The following Petitions for Land were Read and Granted.

To William Stith Clerk Leave is granted him to take up and add, so as to make his whole Quantity of Land at the Poplar Forest Six Thousand Acres, to be included in one Patent, and taken up any where round the Bounds of his present Land in Albemarle or Lunenburg County.

To John Bolling Gent: Leave to renew an Order, for Five thousand Acres beginning at Buffalo Island, and to take in the Buffalo Lick and the Land Adjacent, and this Order to take Effect from the Division of the County.

To Richard Kennon, Leave to take up and add, including an Order for Two Thousand Acres on Mill Creek a Branch of Banister River in Lunenburg, so as to make up the Quantity Six Thousand Acres to be included in One Patent.

To Clement Read and Matthew Talbot Ten Thousand Acres in Augusta beginning at Colonel Jefferson's lower line on New River in that County and running down the River on both sides for Quantity.

To the same Ten Thousand Acres in Lunenburg on both sides of Dan River beginning about a Mile above Archer Freeman's so Running up and down both sides of the River for Quantity.

To David Jones Two Thousand Acres in Lunenburg upon the Northside of Little Roanoak including the Head Branches of the Double Horsepin.

To Matthew Talbot Senr Reuben Morgan, and Isaac Homes, Ten Thousand Acres in Lunenburg on the Tarret Creek, beginning at the Main Creek where the County Line Crosses the said Creek, so running up both sides of the said Creek and the Forks And Branches thereof.

To Matthew Talbot Junr Charles Talbot, and John Talbot, Ten Thousand Acres in Lunenburg, Joining the above order running up both sides of Tarrat Creek and the Forks and Branches thereof.

To Matthew Talbot Junr One Thousand Acres in Lunenburg joining Matthew Talbot's Senr Order of Council at the Flat top Mountain Running towards the Head of Little Otter River.

Joshua Fry, and Peter Jefferson, Gent. appointed Commissioners to extend the Line between Virginia and North Carolina made their Report this day to the Board of their Proceedings, and produced an Account of their Expences attending the said Service amounting to four Hundred and Sixty Six pounds Nine shillings and five pence with Maps which were approved.

Ordered that the said Account be referr'd to Mr Auditor

The Auditor Reporting that he had examined the Account of Expences, and Compared the Articles with the Vouchers produced and found it truely Stated, and that no more than Three Hundred and forty pounds and Seven pence having been Advanced by the Receiver General, to the said Commissioners there is due to him for Ballance the Sum of One Hundred and Twenty Six pounds Eight Shillings and Ten pence Current Money.

Ordered that the Receiver General pay the said Sum of One Hundred and Twenty Six pounds, Eight Shillings and Ten pence to the said Commissioners.

Ordered that the same be Certify'd to the Right Honble The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and the Honble the President is Desired to [write] their Lordships for a Warrant allowing and Directing the Receiver General to Charge the whole Sum by him so Advanced in his next Account of his Majesty's Revenue of Quit Rents, together with such Allowance to the Commissioners for their Extraordinary Trouble as to their Lordships shall seem Reasonable, they not having as yet receiv'd any Recompence or Reward for their painful Service, and the President is also desired to Signify to their Lordships that this Board are Unanimously of Opinion that each of the Commissioners in their Judgment is deserving of Three Hundred Pounds Sterling abstracted from all Charges.

At a Council held April the Eleventh 1750

Present
The President

Lewis Burwell	William Dawson D. D.
William Fairfax	John Lewis
John Blair	Thomas Nelson &
William Nelson Esq^{rs}	Philip Grymes Esq^{rs}

The President was pleas'd to Communicate to the Board a Letter from the Great Men of the Cattawba Indians expressing their Thanks for his Care in sending a Messenger to inform them of a Design of the Six Nations assisted by the French praying Indians to March against them in the Spring.

Ordered that the Receiver General pay Mr Morris for going an Express to the said Indians Thirty pounds.

Order'd That Moseley Battaley Attorney at Law be Summon'd to appear the thirtieth of this Instant to answer a Complaint Exhibited against him by Benjamin Grymes Esqr for giving him abusive Language while he was sitting on the Bench, and for Acting in the Court of Spotsylvania both as a Justice and a Lawyer.

At a Court held April the Twenty fourth 1750

Present
The President

William Fairfax	William Dawson D: D:
John Blair	John Lewis
William Nelson Esq^{rs}	Philip Grymes &

Peter Randolph Esq^{rs}

On the Petetion of the Justices and other Inhabitants of the County of Henrico, it is Order'd that the Court House be removed into the Town of Richmond.

Order'd that Thomas Swan be Summon'd to appear on Wednesday immediately following the next Court of Oyer and Terminer to Answer a Complaint this day made Against him by the Justices of Nansemond.

On the Petition of Anthony Strother against the Inspector's at Roy's Warehouse, It is Order'd that the Clerk write to John Baylor

and Thomas Johnson Gent: requiring them to appoint a time and place for taking the Depositions of Evidences, to give due Notice to the said Inspector's to attend, and upon their Failure to proceed ex parte.

At a Council held May the first 1750

Present
The President

Lewis Burwell	John Lewis
John Blair	Thomas Nelson
William Nelson Esq^{rs}	Philip Grymes &
William Dawson D: D:	Peter Randolph Esq^{rs}

The President Communicated to the Board a Letter from the Lords of Trade Dated January the Twenty third 1749-50 Signifying that they approved the proceedings of the Governor and Council upon Mr Custis declining to take upon him the Administration of the Government, and had made a Representation to his Majesty, proposing that he would be Graciously pleas'd to Confirm them.

Benjamin Grymes Esqr appear'd this Day to Support his Complaint against Moseley Battaley, and the Board being Satisfyed on hearing the Evidences, that the said Battaley had Misbehav'd himself by acting in the Double Capacity of Justice and Lawyer, were pleas'd to Order that a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Spotsylvania and that the said Battaley be left out of it.

The Accounts of Contingent Charges from the Twenty-fifth of October 1749 to the Twenty fifth of April 1750 and for Repairs to the Governor's House being laid before the Board were allow'd.

Order'd that a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of Stafford, and that Francis Thornton, Gerrard Fowke, John Washington Senr Thomas Fitzhugh, Wharton Ransdall, and Traverse Cooke Gent: be added.

The following Petitions for Land were Read and Granted.

To Lunsford Lomax, One Thousand Acres beginning upon the Lines of Randolph, Harmer and King, and the petitioner near the Dutch Path.

Also One thousand Acres to be added to an Order formerly granted to him upon the Branches of Pedlar.

To Nicholas Davies One thousand Acres to be extended from opposite to Captain Allen's Quarter, towards the Mouth of the Bent Creek, so as to join four Hundred Acres in the Bent of the Flavanna River in Albemarle bought of Richard Burk and about One Hundred Acres bought of James Tayler and the said Davies's Entry for Four Hundred Acres on the Rich Branch and his other Entries on the North side of the said River, all in One Tract, and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

To George Walton Two Thousand Acres and to include four Surveys made on the Forks of Otter River with Seven Entries Adjoining, and to divide and have Seperate Patents for the Land Survey'd with Callaway, Hall, Woodson, and Walton including the Land Survey'd for Sherwood Walton in Lunenburg.

To William Thomas One thousand Acres including four Hundred and Eighty Survey'd on Whiping Creek in Lunenburg

To John Mead Three Thousand Acres including the Meadows of Goose Creek in Lunenburg

To George Walton in Behalf of Robert Walton deceas'd Six Thousand Acres including One thousand three Hundred being Entries on the Branches of Pig and Black Water Rivers in Lunenburg.

To Joseph Walton Ten Thousand Acres on the Head Branches of the Mayo and Dan Rivers between the Little Mountains and the Blue Ridge in Lunenburg on paying Rights when the Works are return'd to the Secretary's Office.

To Thomas Walton Ten Thousand Acres beginning on Griffiths's Line running up under the Mountains in Lunenburg on paying Rights when the Works are return'd to the Secretary's Office.

To Sherwood Walton Two Thousand Acres on both sides of Lost Creek and to include the Branches of Banister River and Elk Branch in Lunenburg.

To Thomas Williamson Three Thousand Acres including Eight Hundred Survey'd on the Robertson Fork of Maherin River and to include Seven Hundred and Sixty five Acres Survey'd for Daniel Hay's on Miles's Creek in Lunenburg.

To George Walton Two thousand Acres including One thousand he purchased of Matthew Talbot on Twitty's Creek in Lunenburg.

To Valentine Brown Three Thousand Acres on the North side of the Middle Fork of Maherin River and to include three Survey's on the Branches of the said River in Lunenburg.

To Joseph Terry Three Thousand Acres upon the first Branch of the South Side of Banister River below the upper great Falls and to include his own Entry's together with the Land he purchased of John Fuller Lane.

To James Terry Two Thousand Acres upon Elk Branch in Lunenburg including his Entries.

To Daniel Coleman One Thousand Two Hundred Acres in Lunenburg beginning upon the second Branch of the South Side of Banister River below the upper Great Falls.

To James Terry One thousand two Hundred Acres in Lunenburg on the South Side of Banister River beginning at the Great Falls and to include his Entries.

To Joseph Walton Two Thousand Two Hundred Acres in Albemarle including Two Entries and a Survey on little Bremo Creek a Branch of James River on Richard Cock's Line.

To Abraham Childers One thousand Acres joining the Lines of Drury Tucker and John Douglas including two Entries already made in Albemarle.

To Joseph Bondurant One thousand Six Hundred Acres in Albemarle in Walton's Fork of Slate River joining Seven Hundred and Twenty Acres already Survey'd and to join Anthony Benoine, John Riplay, and John Bondurant and to have an inclusive Patent.

To John Robinson Four Hundred Acres in Albemarle lying between and joining the Lines of three Several Tracts of his own Lands on Billingers Creek and the North River Viz[t] one of four Hundred another Two Hundred and fifty and the other Two Hundred Acres, and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Benjamin Watkins, Paul Chiles, Joel Watkins, James Johnson, and Henry Chiles, Twelve thousand Acres to begin at the uppermost Fork of the Town Fork of Smith's River running North and South under the Great Mountains and up and down the Branches and Forks of Smith's River.

To the same Forty thousand Acres to begin at the uppermost Fork of Dan River Running up and down the Forks of the said River and over to the New River and up and down the Branches of that River.

To Samuel Ridgway Leave to include Two Tracts on Glover's Creek the one of Four Hundred the other of Two Hundred and thirty five Acres both Adjoining in Albemarle.

To Charles Lynch, Three thousand Acres in Lunenburg on the North side of the Staunton River joining to one Tract of One thousand two Hundred and Twenty one and another of One Hundred and Twenty three Acres already Patented and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Joshua Fry, and Thomas Turpin Two Thousand Acres joining the Lines of Lomax, Harmer and King, and Gabriel Long's Entry under Finly's Mountain in Albemarle.

To Richard Adams an inclusive Patent for Four Hundred Acres, by Patent bearing Date the Twenty Seventh of September 1729 and Four Hundred Acres by Patent bearing Date the Tenth of July 1743 Granted to Ebenezer Adams both on the Branches of the Bird in Albemarle.

To Thomas Turpin and William Megginson One Thousand two Hundred Acres in Albemarle joining the Lines of Philip Mayo and James Freeland on the Branches of Bridle and David's Creeks of the Fluvanna.

To John Ledbeater Three Thousand Acres in Brunswick joining Jacob Woolsey, and Richard Upchurch after he has Survey'd, thence to Rattle Snake Creek, up the same to the Indian Head Branch, up the said Branch and out, for Quantity.

To John Jones One thousand Acres joining his own Lines on the Otterdam Swamp and the Lines of Anthony Walke, William Crawley, Benjamin Harrison, John May, and Thomas Williams in Prince George.

To John Pleasants Leave to include in one Patent Five Several Tracts of Land already Survey'd lying on Elk or Rock Island Creek in Albemarle amounting in all to Two Thousand Eight Hundred Acres.

To John Mead, Richard Womack, William Mead and Matthew Talbot Twenty Thousand Acres on the Branches of Goose Creek, and the Branches of Otter, beginning at the Mouth of the Crab Orchard Creek, thence up the said Creek, and the said Branches.

At a Council held May the third 1750

Present
The President

Lewis Burwell	John Lewis
John Blair	Thomas Nelson
William Nelson Esq^{rs}	Philip Grymes &
William Dawson D: D:	Peter Randolph Esq^{rs}

Upon hearing this Day the Parties on both sides upon a Petition of some of the Inhabitants of Isle of Wight County against an Order of Court for Building a Court House near the lower end of the County, and viewing a plan of the County, It is Order'd that the Court House be placed in the Town of Smithfield, also that a New Commission of the Peace Issue, and that John Dardan, John Marshall Junr Philip Moody, and John Lawrence Gent. be added.

At a Council held May the Seventh 1750

Present
The President

John Blair	John Lewis
William Nelson Esq^{rs}	Thomas Nelson &
William Dawson D: D:	Philip Grymes Esq^{rs}

His Majesty's Letter and Sign Manual Dated the Nineteenth Day of January 1749-50 appointing Richard Corbin Esqr One of his Majesty's Council of State for this Colony having been Read he Accordingly upon taking the Oath of Office was admitted to his Place at the Board.

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of His Majesty's Revenue of Two Shillings per Hh^{d} Port Duties &c. were Signed by the President in Council.

For half a years Salary to the Governor.....	£1,000.. 0.. 0
For Ditto to the Council.....	300.. 0.. 0
To the Judges and others of the Court of Oyer and Terminer	100.. 0.. 0
For half a years Salary to the Auditor.....	50.. 0.. 0
For D^{o} to the Sollicitor of Virginia Affairs.....	50.. 0.. 0

For D° to the Attorney General.....	35.. 0.. 0
For D° to the Clerk of the Council.....	50.. 0.. 0
For D° to the Adjutant.....	75.. 0.. 0
For D° to the Armourer.....	6.. 0.. 0
For D° to the Gunners of the Batteries.....	21.. 0.. 0
To the Ministers Attending One General Court...	10.. 0.. 0
For Repairs to the Governors House.....	19..13.. 7
For Contingent Charges	348..15.. 7

On the Revenue of Quit-Rents

To The Commissary	50.. 0.. 0
To The Attorney General.....	35.. 0.. 0

The Accounts of his Majesty's Revenue of Two Shillings per Hh^d^ Port Duties &c: from the Twenty fifth of October 1749 to the Twenty fifth of April 1750 being examin'd by the Deputy Auditors and made Oath to by the Receiver General were Certify'd by the President as usual

Order'd that the Assembly be further prorogued to the fourth Thursday in November next, and that a Proclamation forthwith Issue for that purpose.

The following Petitions for Land were read and Granted.

To Peter Salley Eight Hundred Acres in Albemarle on the Head Branches of Troublesome Creek, joining his own, Robert Thomson's, and Henry Rake's Lines, on both sides of Glover's Road, and to include with it Four Hundred Acres already Survey'd and Patented.

To Matthew Ayres, and Hugh Magarrock Two thousand Acres, lying between James River, and Slate River in Albemarle, beginning on the North Fork of Rock Island Creek.

At a Council held June the Thirteenth 1750

Present
The President

John Blair	Thomas Nelson
William Nelson Esq^rs^	Philip Grymes
William Dawson D: D:	Peter Randolph &
John Lewis	Richard Corbin Esq^rs^

The President was pleas'd to appoint the Person's after named, to be Sherifs of the following Counties (Viz^{t}) for

Cumberland	Nicholas Davies
Essex	Francis Waring
Hanover	Essex William Winston
Goochland	John Smith
James City	William Hooker
King George	Thomas Turner
King William	Nathaniel Claiborne
Lancaster	Peter Conway
Lunenburg	Matthew Talbott
Nansemond	Josiah Riddick
Northampton	Thomas Preeson
Prince George	Thomas Eldridge
Prince William	Valentine Peyton
Middlesex	Edmund Berkley
Richmond	Allen Mountjoy
Spotsylvania	John Thornton
Stafford	James Waugh
Orange	Benjamin Cave
New Kent	William Gray

Order'd that an Advertizement be inserted in the next Gazette, that no Minister do presume to Preach in this Colony 'till he has appear'd befor the Commander in Chief and Qualify'd himself according to Law.

Order'd that the Clerk write to the Clerk of Hanover to send down a Copy of the Order of that Court made on Thursday the Seventh Instant for Licensing one Davenport a Dissenting Minister to Preach.

Order'd that the Receiver General pay Adam Hermond Thirty five Pounds, and John M^{c}feran Five Pounds for Damages done to them by the Indians, also Twenty Pounds to Archibald Armstrong, for Maintaining a Number of Indians many Days, these three Years last past.

This Day appear'd Thomas Swann to Answer a Complaint made against him by the Justices of Nansemond, and after a full hearing of the Parties, and many Witnesses on both sides, it Evidently appearing that the said Swann had in Several Instances acted very Partially in his Office as a Justice, that he was Notoriously Addicted to many Vices, and of a Most Malevolent and Revengeful Disposition, this Board was

unanimously of Opinion that he was utterly unfit to be in the Commission of the Peace, and Order'd that a new Commission Issue for the County of Nansemond, and that the said Swann be left out of it.

On the Motion of Mr Attorney It is Order'd that a Patent Issue according to the Will of Robert Bevil (Viz^t^) To Ann, William, Robert, Edward, Joseph, William, and John Bevil, for One thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Four Acres, on Winticomack Creek in Prince George.

Daniel Colman Senr having enter'd a Caveat against Thomas Tilman for Four Hundred Acres lying on the Branches of Bear Creek in Goochland, the Plaintiff appearing, and the Defendant having being [*sic*][135] Summon'd and not appearing, Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

William White having enter'd a Caveat against Richard White for Two Hundred Acres, more or less in Gloucester in the Parish of Kingston escheated from Henry Preston, on hearing Council on both sides it is

Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the Hundred Acres whereof his Father dyed Possess'd according to the Boundaries made and Establish't by his Father James and the said Richard White.

Joseph Fitzpatrick having enter'd a Caveat against Benjamin Woodson for Three Hundred and Seventy Seven Acres in Albemarle joining the Lines of Benjamin Woodson, and William Creasy, Survey'd October the Twenty Second 1746.

Also for Four Hundred Acres in Albemarle on both sides of Cary Creek, joining the Lines of George Hilton and William Creasy Survey'd October the Twenty fifth 1746.

For Reasons appearing to the Board, It is Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for both the said Tracts of Land.

Richard Jones having enter'd a Caveat against William Bridges for Three Hundred Acres more or less in Surry upon the Runs of Anderson's Branch the South Side of Nottoway River, the Plaintif appearing and the Defendant having been Summon'd, and not appearing, It is Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

Thomas Williams having enter'd a Caveat against William Nichols for Two Hundred Acres, on Hatcher's Run in Prince George, for Reasons appearing to the Board It is Order'd that no Patent Issue for the said Land to the said Nichols.

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[135]The clerk has used a caret to insert the word "having" (interlined in the original) but failed to change the tense of the word "being."

George Heath having enter'd a Caveat against Joel Walker for Four Hundred Acres in Albemarle on the South side of Willis's River, joining on James Saunders, and Child's Road, upon hearing Council on both sides, It is Order'd that the said Caveat be Dismist on the Defendants paying Costs.

James Littlepage and Robert Jennings having enter'd a Caveat against Benjamin Henson for Eight Hundred Acres joining to Louisa Court House and Survey'd, by Robert Harris Surveyor, for the said Henson, the Plaintifs appearing, and the Defendant having been Summon'd and not appearing, Order'd that the Plaintifs have a Patent for the said Land.

Robert Harris having enter'd a Caveat against Dennis Doyle for Two Hundred Acres in Albemarle near the foot of the Great Mountains, between a Plantation formerly Doyles's and the Great Mountains and upon Louisa Line formerly Hanover Line, for Reasons appearing to the Board, It is order'd That the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

Hugh Miller having enter'd a Caveat against Redmon Fallon, for One Hundred and Seventy Seven Acres on the North side of Dan River in Brunswick now Lunenburg, for Reasons appearing to the Board It is Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

Jandey Walker having enter'd a Caveat against Major Weatherford for Six Hundred Acres on the upper side of Cubb Creek, It is Order'd that the said Caveat be dismist on the Defendants paying Costs.

John Roberts having enter'd a Caveat against Peter Hudson for Two Thousand Six Hundred Acres more or less in Lunenburg upon Difficult Creek below the Meadow, for Reasons appearing to the Board, It is Order'd that the said Caveat be Dismist, and that the Plaintif pay Costs.

At a Court held June the fourteenth 1750

Present
The President

John Blair	Thomas Nelson
William Nelson Esq^{rs}	Philip Grymes
William Dawson D: D:	Peter Randolph &
John Lewis	Richard Corbin Esq^{rs}

On the Motion of the Officers of His Majesty's Revenue they are impower'd to sign Rights to the Value of Five Hundred Pounds, and the Receiver General is to Receive [*i. e.* issue] them as usual.

William Nelson Esqr having enter'd a Caveat against Robert Depriest for Four Hundred Acres in Hanover on both sides Madlin's Folly Creek, also for Three Hundred and Twenty Acres in Hanover, on both sides Madlin's Folly, it is agreed by the Parties and approv'd by the Board that the said Depriest and Richard Johnson of Louisa shall each have a Patent for a Moiety of the said Lands, upon their paying the said William Nelson Fifty Pounds, he allowing the said Depriest Ten Pistoles for the Trouble and Expences in the Defence of his Entries for the said Lands, and if the said Depriest and Johnson can't agree on the Division they are to Draw Lots.

Richard Witton having Enter'd a Caveat against John Webster for One Hundred and Ninety five Acres in Lunenburg on both sides Seneca Creek being the Land he lately lived on, the Plaintif appearing and the Sherif having Return'd, that the Defendant is not to be found, It is Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the Land.

Moses Price having enter'd a Caveat against David Peples for three Hundred and Ninety Six Acres on Fontaine's Creek on Lynch's Branch in Brunswick; the Defendant appearing, and the Plaintif not appearing It is Order[ed] that the said Caveat be Dismist, and that the Plaintif pay all the Costs.

Benjamin Baird having enter'd a Caveat against John Wills for Five Hundred and Thirty Acres more or Less in Lunenburg on Miles's, or Dockry's Creek, for reasons appearing to the Board, It is Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the Land.

Richard Blalock having enter'd a Caveat against Bird Thomas Lanier and his wife for four Hundred Acres lying on the East side of Butcher's Creek in Brunswick or Lunenburg, the Sherif having return'd that the Defendant lives in North Carolina, Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

Jonathan Ashworth having enter'd a Caveat against Robert Williams for four Hundred Acres in Lunenburg on a Creek Called Sandy Creek, for Reasons appearing to the Board, It is Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

William Simmons Son and Heir of William Simmons Deceas'd, and John Edmunds Son and Heir of Thomas Edmunds de-

ceas'd, having enter'd a Caveat by John Simmons their next friend against Edmund Ruffin for One Hundred Acres lying in Surry whereof Richard Lewis died Seiz'd, upon hearing Council on both Sides the Board is of Opinion that the Reversion of the said Land is well Dispos'd of by the Will of the said Richard Lewis to the said William Simmons and Thomas Edmunds, and that the same is not Escheatable, therefore It is Order'd that the Inquisition return'd be quash'd, and that no Patent Issue thereon.

Peter Massey having enter'd a Caveat against Thomas Saunders for four Hundred Acres lying between the Branches of the little Bird and Licking Hole Creeks in Goochland, for reasons appearing to the Board, It is Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

Richard Wood having enterd a Caveat against John Buckanan, for a Survey of Land under Four hundred Acres in Augusta on the North Branch of Collier's Creek including Sinking Branch, Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

John Gilbert having enter'd a Caveat against Richard Bird for Ninety five Acres in Surry on the North side of the South Fork of the Poplar Swamp adjoining the Land of William Wiggans and Thomas Phelps. Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

Matthew Hobart having enter'd a Caveat against Joseph Ward for Two Hundred and Eighty Acres on the lower side of little Roanoke Survey'd about the year 1742 in Lunenburg, for Reasons appearing to the Board, It is Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

Richard Thomas having enter'd a Caveat against William Wiggs for One Hundred and Seventy five Acres or thereabouts also for fifty Acres Adjoining lying on the Northside of Maharin River, in Isle of Wight County, and joining his other Lands, for Reasons appearing to the Board, It is Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Lands.

At a Council held June the fifteenth 1750

Present
The President

John Blair	John Lewis
William Nelson Esq^{rs}	Philip Grymes
William Dawson D: D:	Peter Randolph &

Richard Corbin Esq^{rs}

Matthew Talbot having enter'd a Caveat against John Ornsby Clerk for One thousand Six Hundred Acres more or less on Mulberry Fork on Falling River in Lunenburg, On the Motion of the Plaintifs Council, It is Order'd that the Patent be not made out 'till the Cause is Determin'd.

On the Motion of Mr Power it is Order'd that Henry Downes have a Patent for Four Hundred Acres on the Catawba Creeks, Survey'd for Gibbons Jennings.

Robert Armstrong having enter'd a Caveat against James Patton for One Hundred Acres or thereabouts, for Reasons appearing to the Board, It is Orderd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land, and that the Defendant pay all Costs.

Walter Campbel having enter'd a Caveat against Francis Wray for Three Hundred & Fifty Acres in Lunenburg on the North side of Maherin lying above the Mouth of Little Creek, the Plaintif appearing, and the Defendant having been Summon'd, and not appearing, It is Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

Edward Powel having enter'd a Caveat against Hinchy Mabill, for One Hundred Acres in Surry, on the North side of Nottoway River, upon hearing both parties It is Order'd that the Plaintiff have a Patent for the said Land.

Hugh Miller having enter'd a Caveat against James Munford and Samuel Gordon, For three thousand four Hundred and thirty five Acres on both sides of Hill's Creek, and Cheese Creek in Lunenburg, the Plaintif, appearing and the Defendant having been Summon'd, and not appearing, It is Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

John Harrison Junr and Daniel Davidson having enter'd a Caveat against Tully Choice for Four Hundred Acres in Augusta, lately recover'd by the said Choice from James Fisher, for Reasons appearing

to the Board, It is Order'd that the Plaintifs have a Patent for the said Land.

John Harrison Junr and Daniel Davidson having Enter'd a Caveat against Timothy Holoway or Valentine Seveir for Four Hundred Acres in Augusta on Mill Creek, for Reasons appearing to the Board, It is Order'd that the Plaintifs have a Patent for the said Land.

William Gray having enter'd a Caveat against Stephen Saunders for Four Hundred Acres in Albemarle joining the said Grays Land in the said County, for Reasons appearing to the Board, It is Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the Land.

Stephen Saunders having enter'd a Caveat against Edmund Gray for Four Hundred Acres on the South side of James River, and on both sides of Willis's Creek, for Reasons appearing to the Board, It is Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the Land.

Christopher Francisco having enter'd a Caveat against William Russell for Three thousand One hundred Acres in Augusta lapsed from Jacob Stover, upon hearing Council on both sides, It is Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

Miles Thweatt having enter'd a Caveat against Richard Mayes and Gardiner Fowler for Two Hundred and Eighty four Acres, on Bear Swamp in Prince George, for Reasons appearing to the Board, It is Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

Miles Thweatt having enter'd a Caveat against John Bain for One Hundred and fifty Acres in Prince George on the South Side of white Oak, It is Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

James Haly having enterd a Caveat against Charles Taylor Son and Heir of Henry Taylor deceas'd for Seventy Two Acres in Brunswick on the North side of Fountains Creek, It is Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

Thomas Spain having enter'd a Caveat against Robert Tucker for Four Hundred and Thirty Acres in Surry on the Double Branch, the Plaintif appearing, and the Sherif having return'd that the Defendant is not to be found, It is Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

Jeremiah Parker Rich having enter'd a Caveat against John Young for Two Hundred Acres in Albemarle lying on Willis's Creek, for Reasons appearing to the Board, It is Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land

James Cunningham having enter'd a Caveat against William Kennon Junr for Three Hundred and Thirty five Acres on the North and South Sides of Sandy Creek in Lunenburg, for Reasons appearing to the Board, It is Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

John Bacon having enter'd a Caveat against John Stoval for Four Hundred Acres in Lunenburg on Crouch's Creek and joining Gillum's Land and the said Stoval's, It is Order'd that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

The following Petitions for Land were Read and Granted

To George Carrington Leave to include in one patent Three thousand three Hundred and fifty Acres already Survey'd with three thousand Four Hundred formerly Patented to him on Harris's Creek in Albemarle.

To Thomas Noobie One thousand Two Hundred Acres Including One thousand One Hundred Survey'd in Lunenburg.

To William Evans Two Thousand Acres including his Survey'd and Patented Land on the South Fork of Maherin River and to include Eight Hundred Acres Survey'd for Joseph Davis.

To Sherwood Walton Three thousand Acres on both Sides the South Fork of Miry Creek including the Land he purchased of Robert More in Lunenburg.

To Thomas Williams Two Thousand Acres in Prince George joining his own Lines, Eaton's, Baugh's and others including his Plantations.

To John Gwyn and David Logan, Three Thousand Acres in Lunenburg, beginning on Eckol's upper line thence to take in the Vacant Land on the Catawba and the Branches of Terrible Creek and the other Adjacant Branches for the said Quantity.

To Nicholas Hale Junr Matthew Talbot Junr and William Mead, Fifteen thousand Acres in Lunenburg beginning at Nicholas Hale Junr his Corner Hickory, on the Road that goes to Blackwater, thence along the said Road on both sides, to take in the Branches of Giles's Creek, and Staunton River for the said Quantity.

To the same Ten thousand Acres on the Branches of Blackwater and Pig River beginning at Richard Wittons West Line when Survey'd thence along the said Line each way for Quantity.

To the same Ten thousand Acres on the Branches of Beaver Dam Creek beginning a Mile above Anthony Pates on the said Creek thence up and down the said Creek and the Branches thereof for Quantity.

To Peter Brooks leave to include Two thousand One Hundred and thirty Seven Acres in Albemarle Already patented, with two Surveys of Three Hundred and Fifty Six, and two Hundred Acres in one Patent.

To Howell Briggs Two thousand five Hundred Acres in Brunswick including his Tract of Seven Hundred and fifty Acres and four Hundred Contiguous lately Survey'd and joining the Lines of Thomas Bins and John Morgan.

To John Bolling Five Hundred Acres in Lunenburg, on the Branches of Falling River joining to Five thousand Acres of his already Survey'd and to have an inclusive Patent.

To Willut Roberts Two thousand Acres in Surry on the South side of Blackwater including his own Lands.

To John Hiscox, and John Griffin of Bristol Merchants, Benjamin Watkins, George Nicholas, Nicholas Davies, Samuel Gist, John Buckanan, Adam Harmond, William Thompson Junr and Jacob Harmond Junr One Hundred Thousand Acres on the New River, and Holson's River, and the Waters of both Rivers, paying Rights on the return of the Works to the Secretary's Office, and four Years allow'd them for Compleating the Survey's.

To Richard Witton One thousand two Hundred Acres including Nine Hundred and Twenty four Acres already Survey'd on Blackston's Creek in Lunenburg.

To the same Three thousand Acres in Lunenburg including One thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Acres On Seneca Creek already Survey'd.

To Cuthbert Smith Two thousand Acres on the Branches of the Reedy Creek, including his Lands already Survey'd and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Lunsford Lomax leave to renew an Order of Council granted the first of May last for one thousand Acres beginning on the lines of Randolph, Harmer and King, and the Petitioner near the Dutch Path.

Also an Order for One thousand Acres to be added to an Order formerly Granted to him upon the Branches of Pedlar.

To Adam Harman, Jacob Harman, Valentine Harman, and Valentine Sevier Seven thousand Acres lying in Augusta on both sides of Blew Stone Creek, beginning about three Miles from where the said Creek runs into Woods River, at a Mark't Tree Standing on the North side thereof, thence up the same including the Several Branches on both sides to Compleat the Compliment.

To the same four Thousand Acres in Augusta, on the Creek next below Blew Stone Creek beginning upon the Head of the said Creek, and running Down including the Several Branches for Compliment.

To the same four thousand Acres in Augusta on the Second Creek below Blew Stone Creek, beginning at the Head thereof thence down the same including the several Branches for Quantity.

To Thomas Anderson and Charles Anderson leave to Survey Two Hundred Acres adjoining One thousand Six Hundred Acres lately enterd for by them and Survey'd in Albemarle formerly Goochland, on the Branches of Willis's Creek, and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

The following Persons have been appointed Inspectors in Consequence of the last Tobacco Law.

Accomack .....Pitts & Andrews—Samuel Tiddiman, James Stran
Accomack and Northampton..Nasswaddow & Pungoteague—Michael Christian, Adam Muirs
Caroline .....Conways—William Alcock, John Stevens
Ditto .....Roy's—Francis Stern, Daniel Triplett
Charles City .....Swinherds—Francis Hill, John Christian
Ditto .....Kennons—Thomas Ballard, John Southall
Chesterfield .....John Bollings—Christopher Martin, Field Archer
Ditto .....Osborn's—William Moseley, John Osborne
Ditto .....Rocky Ridge—Robert Goode, Roderick Easley
Elizabeth City.....Hampton on Miles's Lot—George Johnson, James Manson

Essex .....Bowler's & on Piscataway Creek—Henry Young, John Tyler
Ditto .....Hob's Hole—John Upshaw, Thomas Davis
Ditto .....Layton's & Occupatia—John Rowzee, Augustine Boughan
Fairfax .....Hunting Creek—John Minor, Rich[d] Sandford
Ditto .....Falls of Potomack—Townshend Dade, Henry Gunnell
Ditto .....Pohick—William Bronaugh, John Barry
Ditto & Prince William....Occoquon—Edward Washington, William Payne Jun[r]
Gloucester .....Gloucester Town—Edward Cary, Francis Stubbs
Ditto .....Eastermost Rivers—James Hayes, Thom[s] Hayes
Ditto .....Deacons Neck—Robert Throckmorton, William Kemp
Ditto .....Poropotank—James Baytop, James Carter
Hanover .....Crutchfields—Supry Harden, Nath[l] Talley
Ditto .....Pages—Thomas Anderson, Dav[d] Richardson
Ditto .....Meriwethers—John Street, George Taylor
Henrico .....Shockoe's—Robert Burton, John Williamson
Ditto & Chesterfield.....Burmuda Hundred & Turkey Island—John Poval, John Knibb
James City .....Hogg Neck—Leonard Henley, Will[m] Brown
Ditto & York.....College and Capitol Landing—Benjamin Eggleston, Thomas Cobbs
Isle of Wight.....Wainwright's and Smith's—John Wills, Thomas Smith
Ditto .....Warwicksqueak Bay—Lawrence Baker, John Hodges

King George ..... Falmouth — Thomas Hoard, James Strother
Ditto ..... Gibson's—John Wren, George Tankersley
Ditto ..... Morton's—John Grant, David Bronaugh
King & Queen..... Shephards & Turner's—William Lyne, John Waller
Ditto ..... Mantapike—Thomas Starke, Thomas Courtney
Ditto ..... Todds—William Bird Richards, Rich[d] Lort Coleman
D[o] & King William..... Walkerton & Waller's—Philip Pendleton, Thomas Waller
King William ..... Quarles's—Charles Palmer, Aaron Quarles
Ditto ..... Williams's and the Piping Tree—James Willeroy, John Powers
Ditto ..... Ayletts—John Gibson, Owen Gwathmey
Lancaster ..... Shelton's & Davis's—Dale Carter, Merriman Payne
Ditto ..... Deep Creek—Martin Sherman, Robert Mitchell
Middlesex ..... Kemp's—Churchill Jones, John Berry
Ditto ..... Urbanna—John Rhodes, John Wortham
Nansemond ..... Sleepy Hole & Wilkinson's—Jonathan Godwin, James Turner
Ditto ..... Lawrences—Thomas Milner, Thomas Holladay
Ditto ..... Constances—William Wright, Jethro Sumner
New Kent ..... Brick House—Isaac Godwin, Richard Allen
Ditto ..... Littlepages—William Hopkins, Isaac Orey
Norfolk ..... Norfolk Town &c:—Thomas Butt, Thomas Scott
Northampton ..... Cherrystones and Hungars—John Wilkins, William White
Northumberland ..... Coan—John Crawley, Charles Betts
Ditto ..... Wicomoco—William Harcum, Roysten Betts

D° & Lancaster.....Indian Creek and Dymores—Anthony Sydnor, James Brent
Prince George.....Bollings Point—John Eppes, James Thweatt
Ditto .....Maycock's—James Harrison, Willm Wilkins
Ditto .....Jordan's—John Woodleif, Joseph Simmons
Prince William .....Quantico—George Brett, Foushee Tibbs
Richmond .....Naylor's & Beckwith's—Jonathan Beckwith, Henry Sisson
Ditto .....Glascock's—Rawley Chin, Dudley Bennihan
Ditto .....Totaskey—Henry Miskell, John Hammond
Spotsylvania .....Fredericksburg—William Carr, Willm Miller
Ditto .....Royston's—Joseph Steward, Joseph Hawkins
Stafford .....Caves—William Mountjoy, Thomas Monroe
Ditto .....Ocquiah—Taylor Chapman, Edward Waller
Surry .....Cabbin Point—Thomas Cocke, Parks Nicolson
Ditto .....Gray's Creek — William Edwards, Thomas Gray
Warwick .....Denbigh—Thomas Cary, William Dudley
Westmorland .....Machotique—John White, Original Roe
D° .....Yeocomoco & Rust's—Daniel Tibbs, Presley Cox
D° .....Nomony—Edward Ransdall, Nicholas Minors
Ditto .....Mattox—John Lovell, Willm Monroe Junr
York .....York Town—John Goodwin, John Shield
Ditto .....Roes—Anthony Robinson, Daniel More

The following Persons have been since appointed

James City and York.....College and Capitol Landing—Henry Tyler
Prince George .....Maycock's—Thomas Goodgame
New Kent .....Littlepages—Noel Waddill
Charles City .....Kennons—Richard Cocke
King William .....Ayletts—Henry Guthrey
Gloucester .....Gloucester Town—Banister How
Warwick .....Denbigh's—John George Wills
Lancaster .....Dymer's—Benjamin George Junr
Richmond .....Beckwith's & Naylor's—William Wilson
Surry .....Cabbin Point—William Cocke
Richmond .....Glascocks—Robert Downman

The President being pleas'd to Acquaint the Board that he had appointed James Cocke Gent: Deputy to Lewis Burwell Junr Esq. Naval Officer within the Upper District of James River, it was approved of by the Council.

Order'd that a New Commission of the Peace Issue for Northumberland, that Presley Thornton Gent. be first in the Commission, that Traverse Colston and Argyll Taylor be left out, and that David Gallaway, John Eustis, Collin Cannan, and Thomas Gaskins be added.

Order'd that a New Commission Issue for Richmond, and that the following Persons be added, (Viz^{t}) Jonathan Beckwith, to be of the Quorum, and Moor Fantleroy.

Order'd that a New Commission Issue for Cumberland, that John Fleming Junr John Baskervile, Abraham Sallee, William Harris Daniel Scott, Humphry Keeble, and John Netherland Gent: be added, and that those who have refused to Swear in, except John Fleming Gent: be left out.

Order'd that a New Commission Issue for Chesterfield that Archibald Cary, James Robinson, Matthew Branch Junr William Thompson, and Francis Moseley Gent: be added, and that John Royal, who is remov'd into Amelia, be left out.

Order'd that Notice be given in the next Gazette to the County-Court-Clerks to return the Dedimus within Six Months after the Date of every new Commission at the same time to Certify the Names of those Gent., Nominated in the Commission, who refuse

to Qualify themselves as Justices, and not to Swear in any Justice after the Dedimus is return'd.

Upon Reading a Letter from Governor Clinton, Signifying that the French were Industrious in exciting the Six Nations to War against the Catawba's in Amity with us, and endeavouring to prevail upon their own Indians to Disturb our Settlements at Ohio, And Acquainting the Board with his Opinion that it would be necessary to invite the Sachims of the Six Nations and the Catawba's to meet and treat at Fredericksburg in Order to Adjust and Determine all Differences Subsisting between them, and Secure them firmly to our Interest; also that he purposed to take upon himself the Trouble of Managing the said Treaty, and to Deliver the Present His Majesty had been Graciously Pleas'd to send the Six Nations, the same was approved of by the Board, and his Honour intimating a Desire that some Gentlemen of the Council would be pleas'd to Accompany him, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, and Richard Corbin Esq^rs^ offer'd their Service.

Order'd that the Receiver General Advance what Money shall be Necessary towards Defraying the Expence of the said Treaty, and Delivering His Majesty's Present.

The President Acquainting the Board that he had lately visited the Capes, and found a Place there very Convenient for a Fort and a Light House, which he thought would be very useful for the Protection and Security of our Ships, the Council Concur'd in Opinion with his Honour, and Advis'd him to make a Representation thereof to the Lords of Trade.

At a Council Held July the Eleventh 1750

Present
The President

John Blair	John Lewis
William Nelson Esq^rs^	Philip Grymes
William Dawson D: D:	Peter Randolph &
Thomas Nelson	Richard Corbin Esq^rs^

The President Communicated to the Board a Letter from Governor Clinton Dated May the Twenty first with a Copy of a Letter to him from Colonel Johnson purporting that the French with Sev-

eral Nations of Western Indians, are resolv'd to Destroy the Indians on Ohio River, and the five Nations; upon which it was the Advice of the Board, that His Honour would write to Governor Clinton and let him know that His Letter not coming to hand before the Second of July, it was probable that this Distance of time the Danger with which those Indians were, threatned was over, or doubtful whether we could give them any timely Succour, and that as he had not thought fit to Signify what Measures he had taken, it was hoped they were such as had put a Stop to the Designs of the French, or Secur'd our Indians against them, also that he would write to Conrad Weiser, and Acquaint him with the Intelligence receiv'd from the Governor of New York, and desire him to inform himself fully of the whole Truth, to Assure the Indians of our hearty Disposition to Assist them on all Occasions against their Enemies, and impower him, if upon inquiry he shall judge it Necessary, to lay out the Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds in Arms and Ammunition for them.

Order'd that a New Commission of the Peace Issue for Nansemond, and that William Wright, Willis Riddick, John Waddrop, Heaning Temble, Nathaniel Wright, Thomas Godwin, and Daniel Pugh Gent: be added.

At a Council held September the Twenty Seventh 1750

Present
The President
John Blair William Dawson D. D.
William Nelson Esq^{rs} Thomas Nelson &
Richard Corbin Esq^{rs}

Order'd that a New Commission of the Peace Issue for Middlesex and that Peter Robinson and Henry Washington, Gent. be added.

The President Produc'd to the Board, a Warrant from the Lords Justices, allowing One Hundred and fifty Pounds per Annum House Rent, out of the Revenue of Two Shilling per Hh^{d} &c, whils't the Governor's House is Repairing.

Order'd that the said Warrant be Register'd

On the Petition of Don Pedro de Pumaryo Commander of the Ship Nostra Seniora de los Godas, and Don Francisco de Ortiz Su-

per Cargo of the said Ship Subjects of his Catholic Majesty the King of Spain, Setting forth that they laded with Goods chiefly Appertaining to the Commerce of Europe at Cadiz, And Sailed from thence the Twenty first of October last N:S:[136] to La Vera Cruze and Discharged her Cargo, and laded there with the Effects of that Place, and proceeded from thence to the Havana where they Loaded with Sugar, Logwood, and other Merchandize, and Sailed from thence the Eighteenth of August last N:S: bound to Old Spain under the Convoy of Don Daniel Huony[137] Commander of One of His Catholic Majesty's Ships of War the Galga and Proceeded on their said Voyage till the Twenty Sixth of the same Month when a Hurricane began and Continued Seven Days and Nights and was so Violent that their Tiller was twice carried away and their Fore top masts, so that they had no Government of the said Vessel but were intirely left to the Mercy of the Seas, till the Crew Cutt away the Mizon Mast, that the Timbers of the Head of the said Ship were so Started and weaken'd that she became so Leaky that she had Nine Feet Water between her Decks which Oblig'd them to Scuttle her Decks to let the Water to her Pumps, and tho' they were Incessantly Pumping could Scarce keep her on Float, altho' they had thrown her Guns, and part of her Loading overboard, that they Continued in such Distress till the first of this Instant when a Canoe came on board and inform'd them where they were, on which they Proceeded to Hampton and reported to the Collector what they were, with what they were loaded, and the Cause of their Coming into that Port, but finding the Ship Continued Leaky, and that to be an unsafe Harbour, they Proceeded to Norfolk, where they still remain in the same Distress; and pray'd Relief.

It appearing to the Board that the Petetion is true.

Order'd that the Petitioners have liberty to land their Cargo, and put it into Proper Warehouses, and to Dispose of by Publick Auction what Goods are Damaged, and should it be found Necessary after a Survey of the Vessel, and a due report thereof made to the President, they are Permitted to Dispose of a further Part of their Cargo undamaged to Defray their Expences.

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[136]New Style. Although the Gregorian, or New Style, calendar did not go into effect officially in Great Britain until 1752, it had long been in use in Spain and various other countries in Europe.

[137]In this manuscript petition in the Virginia State Library this surname appears as Mahony.

On the Petetion of John Kelly Commander of the Ship Saint Peter belonging to Lisbon mostly English Subjects, Setting forth that he Sailed from Lisbon, May 1749 bound for Carthagena with Bale Goods, that he arriv'd there, reloaded with Cocoe, Dyewood, and Money, called at the Havana, from whence he Sailed in Company with Comodore Daniel Huonÿ one of his Catholic Majesty's Ships of War, and Five more Merchant Men, on the Twenty Sixth of August he met with a violent Hurricane which Continued Seven Day's, Stove in his Stern, carried away his Boats, Six foot Water in the Hold, which Oblig'd him to throw overboard Several Merchandize to prevent the Vessel from foundering, all which was the Cause of his bearing away for Virginia.

The Board being Satisfyed of the truth of the Particulars set forth in this Petition, made the same Order as in the Preceeding.

On the Petition of Captain Don Juan Manuel de Bonilla Commander of the Ship Nostra Siniora de Guadalupe a Subject of His Catholic Majesty the King of Spain, and one of the Fleet under the Convoy of Daniel Huonÿ Comodore, Setting forth that on the thirty first of August last at a Place called Ocacock in North Carolina the said Ship was drove a Shore many Miles from any Inhabitants, that it is impossible to get her off, the Place being encompass'd with Small Islands, that they are now in the utmost Distress for Provisions and other Necessaries, and have been oblig'd to unload the said Ship and put her Cargo on Shore where it is liable to the Damage of the Weather.

It appearing to the Board that the Petition is true.

Order'd that they be permitted to Hire Vessels to proceed to North Carolina and there with the leave of the Governor of that Province take in what Cargo they have when these Vessels return, they making a due report of their Cargo, are allow'd if Necessary to Land them, a proper Officer put on board, and if any of the Goods are Damaged they have Liberty to sell them by Publick Auction, and intitled to the same Priviledges as granted to the Ships in their Situation now in Virginia.

On the Petition of Don Antonio Tanasio Anaya Commander of the Sloop, La Mariana, One of the Fleet under the Convoy of Daniel Huonÿ from the Havanna to old Spain a Subject of his Catholic Majesty the King of Spain Setting forth that he has been at Great Expence in refitting the said Sloop and cannot raise Money Sufficient

to pay for the Materials and Discharge the Workmen unless he has liberty to Dispose of some part of his Cargo.

Order'd that the Petitioner have leave to sell and Dispose of so much of his Cargo by Publick Auction as will be Sufficient to Defray his Expences.

Order'd that all the Passengers who came in any of the Foreign Vessels lately arriv'd in Virginia have Free Liberty to go home with all their Goods and Effects in the Ship Jubilee or any other Vessel they shall think proper.

At a Council held October the Twelfth 1750

Present
The President

John Blair — John Lewis
William Nelson Esq^{rs} — Thomas Nelson
William Dawson D. D. — Philip Grymes &
Richard Corbin Esq^{rs}

Order'd that a New Commission of the Peace Issue for Frederick County, that Thomas Rutherford, Thomas Barwick, Jones Hedges, Joseph Edwards, and Van Swerthingen, Gent. be added, and that the said Rutherford, be placed as in a former Commission.

Order'd that a New Commission Issue for Essex, and that the following Gent. be added, (Viz^{t}) James Mills, John Clements, William Garnett, James Jones John Fantleroy, William Covington, William Parker, and James Webb.

Order'd that Thomas Jones be appointed Inspector at the Warehouse Establish'd at Norfolk Town, in the Room of Thomas Butt, who has resign'd.

At a Council held October the Seventeenth 1750

Present
The President

John Blair — John Lewis
William Nelson Esq^{rs} — Thomas Nelson
William Dawson D: D: — Philip Grymes &
Richard Corbin Esq^{rs}

The President Communicated to the Board a Letter from Daniel Huonÿ Commander of his Catholick Majesty's Ship the Galga, Complaining that Effects to the value of some Hundred Pounds has been taken out of the said ship which was cast away on the Eastern Shore, and that Ralph Justice, William Gore, Thomas Crippen, and Thomas Bonnewall, Inhabitants of Virginia were principally concern'd in it, and desir'd the Opinion of the Board what Measures were proper to be taken herein, it was.

Order'd that the Persons above named be Summon'd to appear before the Council on Fryday the Second of November next, and Answer the said Complaint.

Order'd that the old Commission of the Peace, for Elizabeth City, be renew'd.

Order'd that the Receiver General pay Robert Bratton, Twenty Pounds for Two Mares taken from him by the Northward Indians.

Order'd that Samuel Blow of Southampton, be Summon'd to appear before the Board, the second of next Month to give an Account of what he knows concerning a Child of Margaret Lucas said to be Carried out of the Country by Robert Hill.

At a Council held October the Nineteenth 1750

Present
The President

John Blair	John Lewis
William Nelson Esqr	Thomas Nelson
William Dawson D: D:	Philip Grymes &

Richard Corbin Esq^{rs}

The President desiring the Advice of the Board, what was the best and most Speedy way to bring Lowe Jackson of Nansemond County in this Colony, a Notorious Coiner, now in Goal at Charles Town in South Carolina to Virginia. It was the Advice of the board that His Honour would be Pleas'd to Agree with Mr Edmund Buffin [*sic*][138], who was Attending with all Expedition by Land, to give him fifty Pounds as a Reward, for his Trouble, besides paying all his Expences, and to write to the Governors of North and South Carolina, and request the favour of them to Grant proper Guards

[138]This name appears as Ruffin below in the same paragraph.

for Conveying the said Jackson to the Borders of Virginia also that his Honour would Issue his Warrant impowering Mr Ruffin, to press as many Men and Horses, as shall be Necessary for the safe Conduct of the said Jackson to Williamsburg, and a Warrant to the Officers and Sherifs of the Counties thro' which he shall pass to be Aiding and Assisting to him.

At a Council held the Twenty fifth of October 1750

Present
The President

John Blair	John Lewis
William Nelson Esqrs	Philip Grymes
William Dawson D: D:	Peter Randolph &

Richard Corbin Esqrs

On the Petition of Manuel Martines Master and Supercargoe of the Portugueze Vessel called St Peter setting forth that he had given Security to the Royal Officers of the Contadoria according to the Customs of Spain, and deliver'd the Effects on board, to Captn Verissimo de los Santos and likewise to John Kelly appointed by the Owners of the Vessel as Captn for the Navigation of the said Ship. that the said Captn Kelly endeavours to make himself Absolute Master of the said Cargo, and intends to Charter a Vessel in his own proper name to Carry the said Cargo to Lisbon tho' he the Petitioner has given Security to the Royal Officers of the Contadoria in Carthagena for the safe Delivery of it at Cadiz, and praying the Directions of this Board that he may be Consulted in the Chartering a Proper Vessel, and such other releif as shall be judg'd proper.

The Council being Satisfy'd of the truth of the Particulars set forth in this petition were unanimously of Opinion that the said John Kelly has no right to Assume to himself the Power of Charting a Vessel solely in his own name, but that he ought in the Choice of a proper Vessel for the Transportation of the Cargo, and in every Particular relating to the Effects of the said Ship to act in Concert with and by the Approbation of the said Manuel, and the said Manuel and John Kelly are advised and Directed to Submit any future Difference and Controversy to the Determination of Don

Daniel Huonÿ and Don Pedro de Pumaryo Commander of the Ship Nostra Seniora de los Godos.

Order'd that a new Commission of the Peace Issue for Isle of Wight County, and that William Lawrence be put in the Room of John Lawrence.

At a Council held November the Second 1750

Present
The President

John Blair	Thomas Nelson
William Nelson Esq^{rs}	Philip Grymes
William Dawson D. D:	Peter Randolph &
John Lewis	Richard Corbin Esq^{rs}

The Accounts of Contingent Charges from the Twenty fifth of April 1750 to the Twenty fifth of October 1750 and for Repairs to the Governors House being laid before the Board were allowed.

Ordered that the General Assembly be further Prorogued to the third Thursday in April next and that a Proclamation do forthwith Issue for that Purpose.

Upon the Petition of John Baxter late Inspector at Quantico in Prince William and a representation of the Circumstances of his Case attested by the President it was the Opinion of the Council that he was an Object of Compassion, and their Advice that his Honour would be Pleas'd to Order the Suit against him on his Bond to be Dismist.

Order'd that a New Commission for the Peace Issue for York, and that Dudley Digges Gent: be added and placed last of the Quorum.

Order'd that a New Commission of the Peace Issue for Surry and that the following Gent. be added (Viz^{t}) Benjamin Cocke, to be put as he was in the Commission for Goochland Robert Jones, Henry Browne, Richard Blowe, Hartwell Cocke, Peter Poythress, William Seward Junr, Lawrence Gibbons, John Irby, John Mason Junr Edward Pettway, George Briggs, and John Avent.

Order'd that a New Commission for the Peace Issue for New Kent, that James Power Gent: be added and placed next to Richard Littlepage Junr Justice of the Quorum, that John Lewis be Added

and placed next to John Shermer, and that Richard Meux, and John Power be left out.

At a Council held November the fifth 1750

Present
The President

John Blair	John Lewis
William Nelson Esq^{rs}	Thomas Nelson &
William Dawson D:D:	Philip Grymes Esq^{rs}

On the Petition of Joannes Antony Ulrickus, Joannes Van Werdts, and Jean Boissennean setting forth that they had apply'd to Don Francisco de Ortis requesting him to procure for them a Passage to Cadiz according to Agreement between them or Deliver to them the Passage Money, and that their Proposals were rejected by the said Francisco, and praying releif from this Board, It is Order'd that the said Francisco allow the Petitioners a reasonable Subsistance during their Stay in Virginia, pay the Costs of their Suit, against him and their Expences in coming to Williamsburg and returning to Norfolk and that he take them with him on board the Vessel which he shall hire for Cadiz, and the Clerk is Order'd to write to the Majestrates of Norfolk to see that Obedience be pay'd to this Order, and Desire them, if it is not Comply'd with, to Supply the Petitioners with Necessaries, and insist upon the Vendue Masters reserving so much Money in his Hands as will be Sufficient to reimburse them what they shall Advance for that purpose, and the President is Desir'd not to grant a pass to Don Pedro de Pumaryo Commander of the Ship Nostra Seniora de los Godos or the above named Don Francisco Supercargo but on Condition they take on board the Ships or one of them which they Shall hire all the Passangers by them imported into this Colony.

The President Communicated to the Board a Letter from Conrad Weiser dated October the fourth 1750 together with a Journal of his Proceedings to Onontago, which Letter Signifyed that the Six Nations of Indians had revolted from the English Interest, and join'd the French and their Disinclination to come to Fredericksburg, Suspecting they were invited principally to meet and treat with the Catawba's about a reconciliation.

Upon which it was the Advice of the Board that his Honour would be pleas'd to write to Conrad Weiser and Desire him to assure those Indians that this Government had no other end in view in proposeing to them Fredericksburg for the Place of meeting, but that they might receive his Majesty's Present to them intire, which the Expences of Travelling to Albany would very much lessen.

Order'd that the Receiver General pay thirty pounds Sterling to Conrad Weiser, for his trouble and Services, besides his Expences.

Order'd that a Dollar a Day be paid each Waiter put on board the Foreign Vessels by the Commander, and two Dollars to the Acting Lieutenant of His Majesty's Ship the Triton, and that the Naval Officer be Allow'd four Pistoles [. . .][139] his Expences

The following Petitions for Land were read and Granted

To John Hunter Two Hundred Acres joining his Order for Seven Hundred granted April ye 18th 1747 on both Sides of Slate River, and Croocked Creek in Albemarle and to include the same with four Hundred Acres bought by him of Robert Lee in one Patent.

To William Wooldridge Two thousand Acres in Albemarle beginning on Stephen Saunders's Line on the South Fork of Buck and Doe Creek, running up both Forks thence across to the Head of Jones's Creek to the Place begun at.

To John Maxey three thousand Acres in Albemarle on the Branches of Slate River joining four Hundred Acres already Patented and four Hundred already Survey'd on both Sides of the great Creek and to have an inclusive Patent for the New Land and the four Hundred Acres Survey'd and not Patented.

To Richard Anderson, Roger Anderson, and John Watkin's Six thousand Acres beginning at the said Richards's Line on Pole Cat Creek in Lunenburg running towards Banister River and upwards for Compliment.

To Peter Fontaine Clerk Two thousand Acres on Croocked Creek on the Country Line including two Survey's of Eight Hundred Acres.

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To the same two thousand Acres on Matrimony Creek including a Survey of Four Hundred and four Acres already made.

To Francis Brissie three thousand Acres including the Land he bought of William Hill thence up Butcher's Creek in Lunenburg.

To Edward Lewis Six Hundred Acres in Lunenburg on both sides of little Creek joining Thomas Sutterwhite on the Southside of the said Creek, and John Wilkins on the Northside thence towards Butcher's Creek.

To Francis Baker Two thousand Acres lying among the Branches of the Bird Creek in Albemarle beginning on William Smith's Lines, and running thence to the said County Line, thence to the late John Carter Esq^{rs} Line, thence running down the said Line among the said Branches of the Bird and betwixt other Lines adjoining.

To David Pattison two hundred Acres joining on the South side of One thousand Six Hundred Acres on the Branches of Appamattox River in Albemarle Patented in his name to include One thousand two Hundred Acres Survey'd for him and not patented and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Joseph Chatwin leave to include in One patent Two Tracts of Land one of five Hundred Acres in Cumberland purchas'd of Thomas Bassett, and another of four Hundred Acres purchas'd also by the Petitioner of the said Bassett and adjoining.

To Samuel and Thomas House Eight Hundred Acres in Brunswick beginning on Parham's upper Line near the great Creek Chappel on the South side of Maherin thence down the said Creek to Allen's Line from thence down Hay's Creek, and up the said Samuel Hous's Line, thence down Rattle Snake on both sides to the Mouth and from thence to the beginning.

To Augustine Claiborne, Matthew Talbot, William Owen, Theodorick Bland, Richard Bland, and Hugh Miller Forty thousand Acres in Augusta on Little River beginning at a Tree mark't W: [*or* N:] O: 1748 and running up and down the said River and the Branches thereof

To Peter Warrin One thousand Acres in Lunenburg upon Sandy Creek, beginning at an Oak mark'd P: W:

To the same two thousand Acres in Lunenburg on the lower side of Middle Blew Stone, beginning at Hugh Miller's Line.

To Daniel Scot leave to include in one Patent three Tracts of Land already Patented (Viz^{t}) One of three Hundred and Eighty,

One of three Hundred and Fifty, and Another of Two Hundred Acres in Albemarle all adjoining.

To Joseph Thompson Eight Hundred Acres in Albemarle lying on both sides of the Ravanna joining a Tract of four Hundred Acres already Patented by Michael Holland and purchas'd of him by the Petitioner and three Hundred and forty five Acres lately Survey'd by him and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Valentine White Seven Hundred and forty Six Acres including his Lands already Survey'd on Bartow's Branch in Brunswick.

To Mason Bishop, One thousand Acres including the Land he lives on in Brunswick, and to have an inclusive Patent for the same.

At a Council held November 6th 1750

Present
The President

John Blair	John Lewis
William Nelson Esqrs	Thomas Nelson &
William Dawson D. D.	Philip Grymes Esqrs

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of His Majesty's Revenue of Two Shillings Per Hhd port Duties &c were Sign'd by the President in Council.

For half a year's Salary to the Governor.....	£1000..0..0
For Do to the Council.....	300..0..0
To the Judges and others of the Court of Oyer and Terminer.....	100..0..0
To half a years Salary to the Auditor.....	50..0..0
For Do to the Sollicitor of Virginia Affairs.....	50..0..0
For Do to the Attorney General.....	35..0..0
For Do to the Clerk of the Council.....	50..0..0
For Do to the Adjutant.....	75..0..0
For Do to the Armourer.....	6..0..0
For Do to the Gunners of the Battaries.....	21..0..0
To the Ministers attending one General Court	8..0..0
For Repairs to the Governor's House.....	18..9..4

For Contingent Charges.....	656..2..9
To the President for One years House rent.....	150..0..0
For Presents to the Ohio Indians.....	500..0..0

On the Revenue of Quit Rents.

To the Commissary.....	50..0..0
To the Attorney General.....	35..0..0

The Accounts of his Majesty's Revenue of Quit Rents from the 25th April 1749 to the 25th April 1750 also the Accounts of the Revenue of 2/s per Hhd Port Duties &c: from the 25th April 1750 to the 25th October 1750 being examined by the Deputy Auditor and made Oath to by the Receiver General were certify'd by the President as usual.

Order'd that a New Commission of the Peace Issue for Albemarle, and that Henry Martin, William Megginson, Matthew Jordan, and Obediah Woodson Gent. be added.

Order'd that the Receiver General send for from England five Hundred Muskets (to be mark't with Virginia 1750) Bayonets and Catouch Boxes of the best sort, Thirty Barrels of Cannon Powder, and Ten of Single F Two Tons of Musket Ball, and Ten Thousand Flints.

Order'd that the Auditor make out an Invoice of what things shall be necessary for repairing and Furnishing the Governors House, and give it to the Receiver General that he may write to England for them.

Order'd that the Clerk write to the Justices of Fairfax County, and request them to make Strict Inquiry how and in what manner Edward Rumney escaped out of their County Goal, and if any Person or Persons were aiding and assisting him, to use their Power towards having him, or them apprehended and Safely Conducted to Williamsburg in Order to be proceeded against According to Law.

At a Council held at the Presidents House in Gloucester November the Twenty first 1750

Present
The Honble Lewis Burwell Esqr
President

John Blair	John Lewis
William Nelson Esq^rs	Thomas Nelson
William Dawson D:D:	Philip Grymes &

Richard Corbin Esq^rs

The President was pleas'd to Express himself in the following manner.

Gentlemen of the Council,

By the unhappy Death of the late President you are very Sensible the Administration of the Government Devolves upon me, and it is for that reason I have called a Council to Qualify my self by taking the Oaths to the Government and the Oath of Office to enable myself to Discharge that important Trust, and I hope my very ill State of Health will Sufficiently plead my Excuse, for giving you the trouble of meeting here; the long Course of the Wise and Prudent Government of Sr William Gooch the happy Influence of which we enjoy'd for above Twenty Years, and the Administration of the late Worthy President of the Council, a Gentleman very liberally endued by Nature, and those Endowments highly improv'd by a long and Assiduous Application and Business, which render'd him Highly Serviceable to his Country. and very justly gained him the Publick Applause, the Shining figure these Gentlemen made in the Government will I am affraid set me in a very Disadvantageous Light who am now to Succeed them, but when I reflect upon my own Disabillity, it will teach me to have recourse to the Inexhaustible Fountain of Wisdom, and to implore the Assistance of that Glorious being who Delights in Manifesting his Strength in Weakness: And as it has pleas'd God to Distinguish me with the Honour of Representing a King so Eminently Conspicuous for his Princely Virtues and Paternal Affection to his Subjects, I shall be in hopes he will enlighten me with a Portion of his Divine Wisdom, and that join'd with the plentiful Stock wherewith he has Blessed you, upon whose Counsels and Advice I shall always rely, that I shall be able to Render a Satisfactory Account of my Administration to his Majesty by Supporting the just prorogative of the Crown, and Manifesting a Proper regard to the liberties of his Subjects.

Then Lord Albemarle's Commission was order'd to be Read; after which Mr President took the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremecy and took and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and Subscribed the Test, was also Sworn to Observe the Acts of Trade, and faithfully to Discharge the Office of Commander in chief of his Majesty's Colony of Virginia,

Order'd that a Proclamation immediately Issue for Continueing all Publick Officers in their Respective Places.

The President Desiring the Opinion of the Council whether there was any Extraordinary Occasion for holding an Assembly soon.

It was the Advice of the Council that his Honour would be pleas'd to Acquaint the Secretary of State that the Act of Assembly having a Duty on Slaves for the Support of this Government, will expire on the last day of July next, and that it will be Expedient to hold an Assembly to Continue that Law and to lay a Levy to pay the Publick Debts, pursuant to His Majesty's Instruction now in force unless he shall receive Orders to the Contrary.

At a Council held at Gloucester March 28th 1751.

Present
The President

John Blair	William Dawson D: D: &
William Nelson Esq^rs	Philip Grymes Esqr

On the Petition of Juan Manuel de Bonilla Master of the Ship Nostra Seniora de Guadalupa Setting forth that on the 5th Day of September N. S. the said Ship was cast away on the Island of Occacock Occasion'd by a Storm that took him in his Voyage from the Havanna to old Spain and praying leave to hire a Ship called the [. . .][140] belonging to Hugh Crawford a Subject of His Majesty George the Second King of Great Britain, the said Crawford Commander, to transport himself Officers and passangers Subjects of his Catholick Majesty to Old Spain, the President desiring the Opinion and Advice of the Board the Counsel unanimously Advised him to Grant the Petition; but the President upon reading his Majesty's Instructions relating to Aliens Ships was under great Difficulties and thought proper to take further time to Consider of it.

[140]Blank in original.

On the Motion of the Officers of his Majesty's Revenue, they are impower'd to sign Rights to the Value of five Hundred Pounds, and the Receiver General is to Issue them as usual,

Order'd that the General Assembly be further Prorogued to the first Thursday in June next and that a Proclamation[141] do forthwith Issue for that purpose

At a Council held in Gloucester July 31st, 1751

Present
The President

John Blair
William Nelson Esqrs
William Dawson D: D:
John Lewis
Thomas Nelson
Philip Grymes &
Richard Corbin Esqrs

His Majesty's Letter and Sign Manual dated the 19th of January 1750,51 appointing Philip Ludwell Esqr one of his Majesty's Council of State for this Colony having been read he accordingly upon taking the Oaths to the Government and the Oath of Office was admitted to his place at the Board.

Order'd that blank Summons be sent to the Sherifs of Accomack and Northampton to be fill'd up with the names of and served on all Persons who have any Effects belonging to the Spanish Ships cast away on the Eastern Shore to appear the Twelfth day of next Court before the President and Council in Williamsburg; and in the Mean time that the Sherifs make Sale of all Effects appertaining to the said Ships which they already have in their hands, and keep distinct Accounts of the Effects found in the Several Persons hands in Order to apportion the Salvage.

The Accounts of Contingent Charges from the 25th of October 1750 to the 25th April 1751 and for Repairs to the Governors House being laid before the Board were allow'd.

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of 2/s per Hhd Port Duties &c, were Sign'd by the President in Council.

[141] See pp. 491-492.

For half a Years Salary to the Governor	£1000.. 0.. 0
For D° to the Council	300.. 0.. 0
To the Judges and others of the Court of Oyer and Terminer	100.. 0.. 0
For half a years Salary to the Auditor	50.. 0.. 0
For D° to the Solliciter of Virginia Affairs	50.. 0.. 0
For D° to the Attorney General	35.. 0.. 0
For D° to the Clerk of the Council	50.. 0.. 0
For D° to the Adjutant	75.. 0.. 0
For D° to the Armourer	6.. 0.. 0
For D° to the Gunners of the Batteries	21.. 0.. 0
To the Ministers attending one General Court	10.. 0.. 0
For Repairs to the Governor's House	14..15..11
For Contingent Charges	353.. 9.. 0

On the Revenue of Quit Rents

To the Commissary	50.. 0.. 0
To the Attorney General	35.. 0.. 0

The Persons afternamed were appointed in June last to be Sherifs of the following Counties Viz[t] for

Accomack	Thomas Parramore
Albemarle	James Daniel
Amelia	Abraham Cock
Augusta	David Steuart
Brunswick	James Parish
Charles City	John Minge
Chesterfield	Seth Ward
Culpeper	Francis Slaughter
Elizabeth City	Cary Selden
Fairfax	Charles Broadwater
Frederick	Lewis Neill
Goochland	William Miller
Henrico	Richard Randolph
James City	John Blair Jun[r]
Isle of Wight	John Applewhaite
Louisa	Robert Harris
Norfolk	William Ivy
Northampton	Custis Kendall

Northumberland.....Cuthbert Span
Princess Ann.....Anthony Moseley
Prince William.....John Wright
Southampton.....Joseph Grey
Stafford.....Philip Alexander
Surry.....Lemuel Cocke
Warwick.....John Jones
Westmorland.....James Berryman
York.....Robert Sheild.

Order'd that the Receiver General pay to Mr Christopher Gist, the Sum of Twenty Pounds for going on a Message to the Ohio Indians.

On the Motion of the Officers of his Majesty's Revenue, they are impower'd to sign Rights to the Value of One thousand Pounds, and the Receiver General is to Issue them as usual.

Order'd that John Blair, and Philip Ludwell Esq^rs^ be impower'd to treat with Mr Taliaferro upon Repairing the Governors House.

At a Council held August the Ninth 1751.
At the Governors House

Present
The President
John Blair William Dawson D:D:
William Nelson Esq^rs^ Philip Grymes &
Philip Ludwell Esq^rs^

The President Acquainted the Board, that he Yesterday gave an Audience to the Chiefs of the Cherokee Indians and spoke to them in these words.

Friends and Brethren:

I heartily Congratulate you upon your safe Arrival in Williamsburg; and hope in your Journey through the Inhabitants of this Colony, you have met with kind treatment and Hospitable entertainment. You may be well Assured that every thing will be Provided for you, whilst you Continue here, to render the Place agreeable to you. I hope you left our Good Friend and Brother the Em-

peror of the Cherokee Nation in Health, and the Nation itself in Prosperity. I have appointed this meeting to give you an Opportunity of Communicateing to me the important Business that has brought you to this City, thro' such a vast Extent of Country.

To which the Chief of them return'd the following Answer

Brother:

We sett off from the Town of Choto, to visit you, and Learn what you had to say to us; Our Emperor sent us here to acquaint the Governor of Virginia that when his Father was in England, the King directed and advised him to apply to the Governor of Virginia or Carolina when ever the Cherokee's were in want of any thing. We are just come down, and have now seen our Brother and the rest of our Friends. We are instructed to inform you that four years ago we waited upon the Governor of South Carolina to endeavour to prevail on him to encourage a Trade between the Subjects of that Colony and the Cherokees, and to Supply us with Ammunition and other Necessaries, which he promised to do but has not perform'd. this was the Principal Cause of our coming here, and the Experience we have had of the Path to Carolina being very Difficult and incommodious for Carrying on a Trade there an Additional Reason. Moreover the Governor of Carolina has Furnish'd the Creek Indians our Enimies with Ammunition and what they want, and giving them very Distinguishing Tokens of kindness. Upon these Considerations our Emperor has sent us to Sollicit a Confirmation of your friendship, and to Desire that you will be pleas'd to send white People amongst us, and Establish a Commerce between the King of Great Britain's Subjects Inhabitants of this Dominion, and the Indians of the Cherokee Nation. If our request is Granted, we promise to make a Road to Facilitate a Trade between us; and as we are at War with all the French Indians, we will guard the Road, and Secure the Inhabitants of Virginia in passing to our Towns, and be Accountable for any loss they may Sustain, King George told our Emperor that when any of the Inhabitants of Virginia or Carolina were at War with the French we must assist them, which we are, and alway's shall be ready to do.

That to this he reply'd.

Friends and Brethren:

What you have imparted to me is of so much Consequence, that it is Necessary for me to take the Advice of His Majesty's Council upon it, before I can return you an Answer.

And that Accordingly he now desir'd their Advice upon it.

On Consideration whereof it was the Advice of the Council that his Honour would inform the said Indians that this Government will give all Possible encouragement to the Inhabitants of this Colony who shall be inclined to Trade with them; and that a present of Two Hundred Pounds be made them besides their Expences.

Order'd that the Receiver General pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds to Colonel James Patton for his Trouble in Conducting the Cherokee Indians to Williamsburg And back to his House, which is, Two Hundred Miles Distant

Order'd that the Receiver General pay Humberstone Lyon Thirty five Pounds for Damages done to him by the Northward Indians, to Samuel Stalnaker Twenty Pounds and to Nathaniel Wiltshire Seven Pounds on the same Account, also to Ebenezer Westcoat, Three Pounds three Shillings and Six pence for Damages done him by the said Indians, and for Victualling many of them at Different times.

August the Tenth 1751

The President this Day gave a Second Audience to the Cherokees, and made the following Speech to them

Friends and Brethren:

The Business you imparted to me the other day, I have Communicated to his Majesty's Council, and by their Advice assure you that the Government will always endeavour to Cultivate a Harmony and Good Correspondence between his Majesty's Subjects and our friends the Cherokees and you may depend upon all due encouragement being given to the Inhabitants that shall be inclined to Trade with you, for our Mutual Benefit, and as a Pledge of our Friendship, and good wishes that a lasting Peace and Flourishing Trade may be establish't between us, I make you a Present of Two Hundred Pounds out of which I have directed a handsome present to be made to the Emperor

of Choto, as a Mark of our Esteem and Friendship for him, and likewise a Present to your Interpreter, and the remainder to be divided between you according to your Direction.

To which the Chief Answer'd

Brother:

We have Travell'd through Bushes and Bryers, to see our friends of Virginia, we have no cause to Repent of our long and tedious Journey, the pain and Fatigue we have undergone are Compensated by the kind and Generous Reception we have met with, we are pleas'd with your talk, and shall make a faithful Relation of it to our Emperor. Our Hearts are Strait, we shall always preserve in them what we have heard from you, and ever Retain a Grateful Remembrance of your Favours. We have given our Promise to make a good Road for the People of this Country who shall be Dispos'd to Trade with us, and to protect and Secure them from all Dangers, which we shall Steadfastly adhere to, You have Supply'd all our wants, We have nothing to Desire but the Continuance of your Friendship.

After which the President took them all by the Hand, wish'd them a good Journey home, and prosperity to their Emperor and the Cherokee Nation.

At a Council held August the Twentyninth 1751

Present
The President

John Blair	Thomas Nelson
William Nelson Esqr	Richard Corbin &
William Dawson D: D:	Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}

The President on the Application of Captain Whitwell Communicated a Letter to him from R: Roddam Commander of the Greyhound at New York, Dated the 17th of June last, Signifying that he had receiv'd a Letter from Lord Collvell Commander of His Majesty's Ship Success at Boston bearing Date the 9th of June Setting forth that the Governor and Council of that Province had receivd certain Intelligence that a French Ship of War Carrying Thirty Six Guns and Three Hundred Men Sail'd up the Bay of Fundy the 26th of the preceeding Month, which gives Suspician that the French are endeavouring to

Strengthem [*sic*] themselves there, and hold Possession of that Place by Force, that he is about to Sail for Hallifax in Nova Scotia, and desirous of his meeting him there, but that his having been some time under Orders from the Lords of the Admiralty to proceed to England with Governor Clinton prevents his joining Lord Colville, therefore thinks it Adviseable for him to make the best of his way to Hallifax, with the Ship under his Command, in the same manner as he himself was by Lord Colvill's Letter desired to do, a Copy whereof was inclosed.

The Council upon Considering the lateness of the Season, and the length of time Elapsed since these Letters were written, where [*i. e.* were] of Opinion that Captain Whitwell's Complying with Captain Roddams Request, and leaving his Station at this Juncture might be Injurious to the Trade of this Country, and not likely to prove of any Advantage to His Majesty's Service.

Order'd that a New Commission of the Peace Issue for the County of King William, that Bernard Moore, and Philip Aylett Gent: be reinstated in their Place, and that Peter Robinson, Richard Squire Taylor, John Quarles, and James Richeson, Gent: be added.

Order'd that the Receiver General Pay George Camp, Fifty Pounds for his Expences and Trouble in Maintaining the Cherokee Indians.

Order'd that the Receiver General pay James Bird, Sixteen Pounds for Several Journey's on the Governments Service.

A true Copy

Nathaniel Walthoe Cl. Con.

A Copy of the Journal of the Council from
October 15th 1751. to April 22d 1752.[142]

At a Council held October 15th 1751.

Present
The President

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair Esqrs	Philip Grymes
William Dawson D D.	Richard Corbin &
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell Esqrs

The President desired the Opinion of the Board what would be in their Judgment a sufficient and adequate Compensation to Joshua Fry and Peter Jefferson Gent. for their Trouble in drawing a Map of the Inhabited part of Virginia whom he thought the most proper and best Qualified Persons to be employed in Pursuance of a direction from the Lords of Trade the 19th of July 1750. the Board was of Opinion that each was deserving of One Hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling for his Trouble and Expence.

At a Council held October 24th 1751.

Present
The President

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson Esqrs	Richard Corbin
William Dawson D D.	Peter Randolph &
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell Esqrs

The President Communicated to the Board the following Letter and desired their Advice upon it

[142]From a photographic copy of original manuscript journal in the British Public Record Office, C. O. 5:1423, showing 44 unnumbered pages, including a separate title-page, but each folio of 4 pages, after the title-page, is numbered consecutively, 1-11.

S° Carolina 18th Sepr 1751.

Sir,

This Letter which I write you by the Advice of his Majesty's Honble Council of this Province, is upon Indian Affairs a very serious and Important Subject, and as you cannot be throughly acquainted with the Affairs of the Cherokees and other Indian Nations depending upon this Government as we are; I shall before I take any Notice of what has lately happened in Virginia, endeavour to give you a Short historical Account of that Nation called the Cherokees and I shall confine myself to the Period of one and Twenty years, for it is about that Time, since Six of their Chiefs, or head Men deputed by the Nation were carryed to England from Charles Town in his Majesty's Ship the Fox; they were graciously received by his Majesty, and a Treaty was concluded with that Nation there, the Title of which is as follows, "Articles of Friendship and Commerce proposed by the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations to the Deputies of the Cherokee Nation in South Carolina by his Majesty's Order on Monday September the 7th 1730" and in the said Treaty after his Majesty had expressed his Satisfaction that the great Nation of the Cherokees had sent them so great a way to brighten the Chain of Friendship between him and them, and had Signify'd to them his desire that it should be a perpetual Friendship, there follows a Clause in these words "the Great King and the Cherokee Indians being thus fasten'd together by the Chain of friendship, he has Order'd his People and Children the English in Carolina to trade with the Indians and to furnish them with all manner of Goods that they want, and to make Haste to build Houses, and to plant Corn from Charles Town towards the Town of the Cherokees behind the great Mountains the Cherokees must treat the English as Bretheren of the same family, and must be always ready at the Governor's Command to fight again[s]t any Nation The Cherokees shall not permit the white men of any Nation to build any Forts, Cabins, or plant Corn amongst them, or near to any of the Indian Towns and if any such attempt shall be made they must Acquaint the English Governor therewith, and do what ever he directs in Order to Defend and Maintain the great King's Right to the Country of Carolina. That if any Negro Slaves shall run away the Cherokee Indians shall endeavour to Apprehend them and bring them back to the Governor. If an Indian kills an Englishman ye Indian who did it shall be delivered up to the Governor. In the Answer of the Indian Chiefs, are these words "Here stands the Governor of Carolina whom we know, this small Rope we

shew you is all we have to bind our Selves with, and may be broken, but you have Iron Chains for Yours, however if we catch your Slaves we shall bind them as well as we can and deliver them to our Friends again, and have no pay for it. Your white People may very safely build Houses near us we shall hurt Nothing that belong to them, for we are the Child of one Father the Great King and shall live and Die together. These Indians were sent from England with the Governor of this Province who also brought with him the above Treaty that had been concluded in so Solemn an manner and to which he him self had been a Witness. It was received with great Joy by the Cherokee Nation and ratifyed by them, and yet within two or three Years afterwards, their behaviour was so very irregular, that it threatened much confusion to this Country upon which the Governor with the Advice of the Council Order'd all the Traders to leave that Nation with their Goods, and then Stop'd all Trade and Commerce with them that by shewing them their wants they might be brought to a Sense of their Duty, and an Observance of the Treaty, and having heard that some people were going into that Nation with Goods and Amunition from the back parts of Virginia, he sent a Party of Men to intercept them who very happily met with them upon the Road and Compel'd them to bring their Good to one of our Forts, this lucky Incident prevented the Spilling of much blood, for the Cherokees had Solicited the Catabaws, and other Indians to join them in a War against this Province but having no Ammunition, they were obliged to desist from their designs, and soon after sent down some of their Head Men to acknowledge their Faults and to promise a Strict observation of the Treaty for the Future But they did not long continue in their good Temper for a few Years afterwards. they renewed their Injuries to us, and gave us fresh occasion to Complain to them of their Infraction of the Treaty; at that Time also the Government thought it Adviseable to withdraw our Traders from them, and to stop the Trade but some of their Head Men unwilling to make satisfaction & desirous to have ammunition Else where, designing if they could procure a supply to make us feel the force of it went to Virginia, and Complained to Mr Góoch, that this Province would not let them have a Trade earnestly praying that he would permit Traders from thence to carry Goods and Ammunition amongst them, but as I am informed, he very Prudently told them that the Province of Carolina must have good reasons for their conduct, and therefore their best way would be to adjust their differences with them. But what may be the Consequences of Your late Conduct I shall not say I pray God it be

not an Indian War or that the Cherokee Nation, at present the Barrier of this Province, against the French an[d] their Indians be not intirely lost to the British Interest. However I shall proceed to Inform you that I have an Instruction from his Majesty under his Royal Sign Manal to preserve Peace and Friendship with all our Indians but chiefly with the Cherokees; in Consequence of which Instruction and also because I know that the Security of this Province greatly depends upon it, I have made it my Study to cultivate a Good understanding betwixt that Nation and us But Notwithstanding of all my Care, and of the very great Expence that this Province has been annually at upon their account, the Injuries lately committed by some of their People has been such as made it Necessary for this Government to call the offenders to an Account. For a few months ago some of their People attack'd one of our Inhabitants even within our Settlements, with an Intent to murder him, tho' the Bullets did not kill him, but went through his Arm others of them lately burn'd to the Ground a Traders House and killed one of the People belonging to it, others again fell upon our Traders in their Nation, broke open their Stores and publickly divided the Goods, as if they had been Spoils taken from an Enemy, obliging the Traders to fly for the Preservation of their Lives while they Pursued in Order to destroy them. These are Crimes in all Countries and Violations of the Laws of Nations known to be so by the most barbarous People, but they are in a Particular manner Infractions of the Treaty subsisting between them and us, as you may perceive by the above extracts from it; and yet Sir, (I speak it with Astonishment) these are the People, the very indentical Persons, who came with compl^ts^ to you against this Government, and whom you have received with open Arms, and Caress'd in a ver[y] extraordinary manner, Complaints which are well known to be without the least Foundation and as false as all the rest of the Speech that they made to you if they really made the Speech that is printed in the Virginia Gazette; which in truth does not very much seem to be in the Indian Style, but it had been happy for this Province and for the British Interest, if that Interview had ended with fine Speeches only, But we are Inform'd That these Embassadors, and nobles as they are called, tho' most of them are really obscure Fellows, and who were to have been delivered up to us by their Country Men to be punished as their Crimes deserv'd, have receiv'd very large presents from you, possibly of Arms and Ammunition with a Promise of being Supply'd with more by encouraging of Traders to carry them from Virginia. This, Sir, has been so highly

injurious to this Province that I am advised by the Council to lay this whole Affair before his Majesty and in the Mean Time to write you this Letter to desire that you will give no Permission to any Traders from Virginia to carry Goods, Arms, or Amunition to that Nation, but on the Contrary, that if any are set off you will be so Good as to send and [*sic*] express after them without Loss of Time, and to recall them and to bring them back with their Goods, even if they are in the Nation and to acquaint you that I have also by their Advice sent an Officer, and a Part of a Troop in the pay of this Government to Stop them. It is below this Government to take notice of the Speech made to you by the Indians upon any other Account than to shew you how Grossly you have been Imposed upon by them. The Person called one of the Kings of the Cherokee Indians, who is said in the Virginia Gazette to have arrived lately at Williamsburgh with Eight of his Nobles, and Many Attendants, is well known to the Inhabitants here by the Name of the Little Carpenter, and by his strong attachment to the French he being their only Advocate in that Nation and whom we had demanded by Name to be deliver'd up to us, as the principal Instigator and Fomenter of all Mischief And his Nobles are composed chiefly of the Fellows that lately broke open a Store of One of our Traders, and rob'd him of his Goods, and whom the Emperor and most of the Head Men have positively promised shall be deliver'd up to me to be punish'd. He that speaks for the rest says that they had set off from Chote to learn what you had to say to them, which looks as if they had been invited or sent for; he says that there Emperor sent them to acquaint you that when his Father was in England the King directed him to Apply to the Governor of Virginia or Carolina. I must inform you That this Person called the Emperor has no great Authority but in his own Town of Teligno, of which he is King or Head Man, and where he constantly resides; his Father never was in England in his Life, nor did the King ever direct the Cherokees, or any of them to Apply to the Governor of Virginia but to the Governor of Carolina. He says that some years ago they waited on the Governor of South Carolina to endeavour to prevail on him to encourage a Trade between the Subjects of that Colony & the Cherokees, and to Supply them with Ammunition and other Necessaries which he promised to do but has not performed: it is false that they ever made any such Application, and it would have been a very rediculous one, since they have been abundantly supply'd with every thing from this Province for near forty Years, and he has Assign'd as an Additional Reason for their going

there, the Experience they have had that the Path to Carolina was difficult and incommodious for carrying on a trade there; the Distance of many of our Settlements from the Cherokee Towns is no more than Seventy Miles, the Number of our Traders constantly residing in that Nation and the Great Quantity of Goods that they dayly carry thither, might have convinced the Indians How Convenient and easy the Path was to their Nation from Carolina; and their own Experience and Knowledge of the Goodness of our Road, might have confirmed them in that Opinion, they having often trod it heavy loaded with Presents from hence. He says Moreover that the Governor of Carolina had furnished the Creek Indians their Enemies with Amunition and other Necessaries, and given them very distinguishing Tokens of kindness. The Creeks and Cherokees are equally Friend to the English, and are both in Treaty with this Government and therefore the Governor of Carolina has Treated them both without any distinction, and has Laboured with great Diligence to extinguish the Flame of War which was kindled & kept alive by the Artifices of the French; and two years ago he sent for the Emperor and Head Men of the Cherokee Nation and all the Head Men of the Creek Nation to Charles Town, where they were entertain'd several weeks at the Expence of the Publick and had large presents made, and where both Nations were made Friends, and a Peace concluded betwixt them which lasts to this Hour betwixt the upper Creeks & upper Cherokees where the Town of Chote is, from whence these people come, tho' some of the lower Towns in each Nation have had differences He goes on to say that upon these Consideration their Emperor had sent them to Solicit a Confirmation of Your Friendship; in the first part of their Speech they say they had set off from Chote to hear what you had to say to them, and these words "the Confirmation of your Friendship" look as if they had been sent for; and came upon the privious Promise of your Friendship; but the Emperor who they say sent them absolutely denies it, and declares he did not know of their Errand. Having now communicated these several matters to you, and having assured you that if Traders from Virginia, are at present permitted to go to the Cherokees it will be productive of great Mischief occasion them to renew their Insolences, and unavoidably bring on a War; and having in the Name of this Government requested of you to prevent any from going in and to recall such as may be gone, I can hardly doubt of your Complyance with what is so Necessary for his Majesty's Service and so evidently for the safety of this his province, and indeed of all his Dominions

upon the Continent, for an Indian War may soon become General. I impatiently wait your Answer, because if it is such as this Province has reason to Hope, it may be improper for me to Trouble or Alarm his Majesty's Ministers; and it will be agreeable to the Good Correspondence that has hitherto and I hope always shall subsist between Virginia and Carolina that some Paragraph be inserted in Your Gazette that whereas some Cherokee Indians had lately come to W^{m}sburgh to disire that Traders might be sent from thence to their Country, in Regard that the Government of Carolina had not supplyed them with Goods &^{c} you were now certified that what they had said was false and without the least Foundation" or to that Purpose

I am

Sir

Your most obedient and most humble Servant

James Glen

P. S. It might be of Service if you please to send directions to any of Your Traders to return forthwith to Virginia with their Goods &^{c} that one Copy of your Orders be sent hither by this Conveyance which I shall send from hence p^{r} Express,

which Letter being read and duly considered, it was the Advice of the Council, and accordingly Ordered, that a Committee be appointed to Inspect the Journals relating to Indian Affairs, and prepare and [*sic*] Answer to justify the Conduct of this Government towards the Cherokees to Assure Governor Glen that they came here uninvited that as they never carry any written Credentials, we could not but believe and treat them as we did that upon his word we fear we have been imposed on, and shall undeceive the People in this Country, and prohibit all Intercourse and Commerce between our Inhabitants and those Indians when ever we shall learn that they have Committed the least infraction of the Friendship they profess, or shall make an ill use of the Presents we made them, and it was refer'd to William Nelson Richard Corbin and Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs} to prepare the same.

This Day appear'd according to Summons the Several Persons of the County of Accomack and Northampton to Answer concerning Effects in their Hands belonging to the Spanish Ships cast away on the Eastern Shore who having been Seperately examined

on Oath it was found that the Effects in the Hands of the People in Northampton amounted to the Value of Twelve Pounds one shilling and Six pence; and that the Effects in the Hands of the People of Accomack, amounted to the Value of Twenty two Pounds, and Eleven pence half penny the Account of Sales in Northampton, by the Return of the Sherif amounted to Nine Pounds thirteen Shillings and Seven pence, and the Sales in Accomack to Seventy two Pounds two shillings and two Pence. The Effects in the Possession of the Sherif of Accomack not Sold amount to the Value of Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings and four Pence.

Order'd That the Sherifs be allowed out of the Spanish Effects Five per Cent, on the Sales besides their Expences & Ferriages; that the Persons by whom the Effects were saved be allowed Ten per Cent for their Trouble, and their Ferriages & Expences; and that Mr Hog retain in his Hands sufficient to satisfy his Expences incur'd from acting under a Power of Attorney from the Commanding Officer, and Account for any Overplus to the Sherif and if their should not be Sufficient, that the Sherif pay out of the Effects in his Hands.

At a Council held October 26th 1751.

Present the President

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson Esq^rs^	Richard Corbin
William Dawson D D	Peter Randolph &
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell Esq^rs^

William Nelson Esqr reported that they had drawn an Answer to Governor Glen's Letter, which was read, and unanimously approved, and is as follows,

Virginia October 25th 1751

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the Eighteenth of the last Month and as I found it to contain matter of the greatest Importance to his Majesty's Service, I have taken the Advice of his Council upon

it, and the following Answer is the Result of their Deliberations. And first, I am to Assure your Excellency that so far was this Government from inviting that Body of the Cherokee Indians to the late Interview at Williamsburgh which Your Excellency in Your Letter seems to Suspect that upon the first Intelligence from the Commanding Officer of the County where they entered this Colony of their Intentions to come here, Immediately Order'd him to Use all Possible Endeavours to prevent their Proceeding further if it could be done consistantly with good manners and this strong Desire I had to divert their coming proceeded from an Opinion, that any Matters they could have to communicate to this Government relative to the establishing & encouraging a Trade with them, could not from the Remoteness of their Situation, prove of any Advantage to this Country and from an Opinion that their Visit would be attended with Considerable Expence to us. But when I found my Endeavours to Stop them were ineffectual and that they were arrived in Town much sooner than could have been expected if they had received the Greatest Encouragement, I then judg'd it for his Majesty's Service to treat them with such degrees of Hospitality and Kindness as are due to Nations of Indians in Amity with his Majesty and particularly with this Colony. And Notwithstanding, Sir, you knew these Men were a set of Impostors, and such as rather deserve Punishment for their Insolence and cruelties to the Inhabitants of Your Province, than Caresses they met with here; yet as the Indians are an illiterate People, and have no publick Token or Seal to Give a Sanction to any Instructions they may charge their Embassadors with, it was impossible for us to discover whether they came properly Impower'd or not for we could only judge from Circumstances and these Indians Informing us, that they had moved a great way to the Northward of their former Settlement and Near the Limits of this Colony for the sake of better Land and fresh Hunting Ground, seem'd so plausible that we could not discredit them; and therefore we gave them full Assurance that this Government would encourage any of his Majesty's Subjects to Trade with them that should have an Inclination, and made them such Presents as were thought Necessary to facilitate a Scheme, which from their Nearer Approach to us seem'd Then to Promise great Advantages to the Trade of this Colony. And now, Sir, in our Circumstances being ignorant of the Outrages these Indians had committed in Your Province, it was almost impossible from the

Little Communication between us, that we should be otherwise permit me to Ask your Excellency what other Part I could have Acted consistant with my Duty to the King, and the true Interest of the People of this Colony. Motives of the highest Influence, and by which this Government is ever actuated in its Deliberations. These Men in their Appearance were a Set of poor indigent People who came hither to seek the bare Necessaries of their Subsistance which they said they could find no where else; and we were very Credibly inform'd that they had many Consultations whether they should Apply to this Government or the French to supply them with Goods, and at last concluded to come to us before they enter'd into a Treaty with the French & if we had refused them any Relief in their Distress would not this in all human Probability have forced [them] into the French Interest[s] who are always ready to receive them with Open Arms, and who have their Agents ever watchful to make advantage of every Little misunderstanding between the Indians and us, I cannot but observe that it is an unusual Vein of reasoning to think that Acts of Friendship and Kindness from the English to the Indians should procure their Enmity; surely a contrary Treatment of them is more likely to produce such and [*sic*] Effect: and I have good Grounds to hope, that the small presents they have received from us will not be attended with such fatal Consequences, as your Excellency seems to Apprehend since I am Informed that from and [*sic*] Imprudence not uncommon to Indians, they left the greatest part of them before they passed the Bounds of this Colony. However since we are now Sensible from the Characters your Excellency has Given them that we have been much imposed upon and to convince your Excellency of the Sincerity of our Intentions to preserve the Good Understanding that has so long and so happily subsisted between your Government and ours, I shall take care to Inform the Publick of the Baseness of their Behaviour towards Your People, and of the Falsity of their Complaints against you. This I flatter myself will give your Excellency full Satisfaction upon the Subject, at least I dou[b]t not when these motives of our Conduct shall be coolly and impartially considered by our Superiors, they will Clearly justify us before them. If any further Steps shall be judged necessary to be taken for preserving the Indians firm to the British Interest, you may rely

on the Chearful Concurrence of this Government I have the Honour to be your Excellency's

Most obedient humble Servant.

P. S.

The following Paragraph is Ordered to be inserted in the Virginia Gazette, A Letter from the Governor of South Carolina Advises, that the Cherokees, who were lately in Williamsburgh, under the Character and Denomination of Embassadors and Nobles are People of no Eminent Quallity or Dignity, but obscure Persons; that they had committed many Cruelties, and Injuries to the Inhabitants of that Province and were to have been delivered up by their Country Men to be punished; that it is false that they ever made Application to the Governor of Carolina, or had not been furnished with Good, they having been abundantly supply'd with every thing by that Province for near Forty Years: This Intelligence is therefore inserted in the Gazette, that the Inhabitants of this Colony may be Cautious in their Commerce with them.

The following Petitions for Land were read & granted

To William Coles Executor of John Coles dec[d] Leave to Patent four Surveys made for the said John all joining on Buckskin containing one Thousand Five Hundred and thirty Acres in the Name of Walter Coles Son and Heir of the said John and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

To James Parham Two Thousand Acres on the Branches of Reedy Creek and the three Creeks including two Surveys already made one of one hundred and Fifty Acres the other of Four Hundred and Eighty two in Brunswick, and an Entry of Four Hundred on the long Slash and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

To John Randle Two Thousand Acres including his Surveys on Lightfoots Creek and the Rocky Run joining the Lines of John Tomerlin, George Walton, and Josias Randle in Brunswick.

To William Cabell One Thousand Acres in Albemarle on Franklin's Creek including Four Hundred Acres Survey'd for James Smith and two hundred and fifty Six Acres Survey'd for Jacob Smith and purchased by the said Cabell

To Peter Jefferson an inclusive Patent for Eight Hundred Acres of Old Land, and One Thousand Twenty Five of New on

the South Side of the Fluvanna in Albemarle opposite to Toteer. To Benjamin Mosby, Littleberry Mosby, and Nicholas Seward Twenty Thousand Acres on Slate River Freelands Creek, the Bent Creek, Rack Island Creek & Beaver Creek, or on one or more Branches or Water Courses of the said River and Creeks and Liberty to Lodge the Rights for the said Land in the Secretary Office with the Surveyors Works for the same.

To George Walton Ten Thousand Acres including thirteen Entries on Beaver Dam Creek and the Several adjacent Branches of Staunton River and Goose Creek in Lunenburgh on paying Rights when the works are return'd to the Secretary's Office.

To the same Two Thousand Acres joining George Moor's Line including one Entry and the vacant Land on Spring Field Creek and Swish Creek in Lunenburgh.

To Sherwood Walton Six Thousand Acres on the Head of Goblin Town Creek, Blackberry Town Creek and Horsepasture Creek with their Several adjacent Branches in Lunenburgh.

To the same Six Thousand Acres on the upper and Norwest Branches of Elkhorn Creek with the Branches of Banister River including one Entry on a Branch of Elkhorn in Lunenburgh.

To George, Joseph, and Sherwood Walton Thirty Thousand Acres on both sides Holson's River with the Several Branches thereof adjoining the Mouth of Doe River in Augusta in three Surveys on paying Rights when the works are return'd to the Secretary's Office.

To Samuel Davies of Bristol Merchant, Francis Davies Nicholas Davies, Peter Whiting and Matthew Whiting Fifty Thousand Acres on Alegany River, and Holson River or any of the Waters of Both Rivers, and four large Islands in the said Rivers, and Several other small Islands lying in Different parts of the said Holson and Alegany Rivers, and leave to lodge the Rights on Return of the Surveyors Works for the said Land. To Richard Taylor One Thousand Acres lying in Waltons Fork of Slate River beginning at the first Branch above Richard Ripley on the North side of the said Fork joining Ripley's, Daniel Thomas's William Chambers, and Arthur Mackdaniel's Lines.

To Howel Briggs Leave to include in One Patent Six hundred and Fifty Six Acres in Surry already Patented and Six Thousand Acres for which he has and [*sic*] order of Council contiguous.

To Steven Evans Three Thousand Acres lying on the Branches of the Otter Creek of the Blew Stone beginning at the Head of the great

Branch of the Blew Stone which runs into Otter Creek on the South Side including the Head of the Kettle Branch and an Entry formerly made by the said Evans.

To James Nevil Three Thousand Acres beginning on his own upper Line near Finley's Mountain and running to Col° Lomax's Line thence along his Lines and Taliaferro's and Cabels and to include the Quantity on the Branches of Joe's Creek and Rucker's Run.

To Charles Jones and Joshua Cook One Thousand Acres in Bru[n]swick beginning at William Lees Entry on Pea Hill Creek runing Down to Rattle Snake Creek thence down the same on both sides to Thomas Clanton's Line

To Edward Powell Eight Hundred Acres on the North Side of Banister River joining his Own Plantation & Sizemore's Lines to make up his Patent Two Thousand Acres in Lunenburgh.

To Robert Jennings and Robert Wathen Eight Hundred Acres joining their Tract of three thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Acres on Falling River in Lunenburg the above Survey to begin Near the Mouth of Naked Creek where there old Line crosses the Creek runing up & down both sides of the Creek for Quantity, to be included in one Patent with their abovementioned Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Acres patented the 5th of April 1748. also for Four hundred Acres joining the said Tract to begin on their old Line about the North East from a Clearing in their Low Grounds near to a Branch that Runs into the River below their Plantation called Stevens's, and to run back from their old Line up and cross the said Branch for Quantity and to be included in the same Patent.

To Joseph Massey One Thousand Acres including his Lands already survey'd on Cattail Creek in Brunswick

To William Macklin and John Twitty Ten Thousand Acres beginning at the Mouth of a large Branch which makes out of the Dan River near and in and Amongst the Mountains.

To Sherwood Walton, Joseph Keyton and Joseph Williams Ten Thousand Acres in Lunenburgh on Snow Creek joining Randolph's Lines runing up to include the Branches thereof.

To Thomas Ballow Six Hundred acres adjoining Four Hundred Patented on which he Lives and Six Hundred already Survey'd and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Nicholas Davies and Thomas Jefferson Three Thousand Acres in Albemarle on the Fluvanna River and Harris's, Bolling's and Stoval's Creeks and their Branches, to be extended in such a manner as

to include about Eighteen small Surveys on the said waters, belonging to the said Davies and Jefferson and so as to have two different separate Patents in each Person's Name for the said Land.

To Thomas Lankford Seven Thousand Acres lying between Beverly Manour and Burdens Tract.

To Nicholas Davies Five Thousand Acres on the Fluvanna River and any of its Branches on either side above the Mouth of Judith's Creek Part thereof to be included in an inclusive Survey, begun by the Surveyor of Albemarle in March last, but not yet compleated, and the remaining part of the said Five Thousand Acres to be Surveyed for the said Davies joining to one or more Lines of the said inclusive Survey on either side of the Fluvanna River and any of its Branches.

To William Wynne, Peter Fontain Clerk, and Peter Fontaine jun^{r} Six Thousand Acres on the Long Branch of Wynne's Creek and the adjacent Branches of Terrible & Banister.

To Peter Fontain jun^{r} Leave to include four Survey's on a North Branch of Nottoway River purchased by him of Ralph Hunt, William Wynne, and Stephen Evans.

To Henry Beard an inclusive Patent for three Surveys in Albemarle already made but not yet Patented lying on the Branches of Willis's River the Quantity not Exceeding One Thousand Acres.

To Sherwood Walton and Joseph Walton Three Thousand Acres in Lunenburgh on both Sides of Banister River to include Five Thousand three Hundred and two Acres granted to Richard Eckols and Purchased by the Petitioner.

To John Yarrington and James Machan Ten Thousand Acres in Lunenburgh on Slaitstone Creek the South side of Staunton River

To the same Six Thousand Acres in Lunenburg on the South Fork of Sandy River.

To Theophilus Field Two Thousand Acres on the South Side of Roanoke River including Four Hundred Acres Bought of Daniel Colson joining Field Jeffersons, Francis Howard's Dec^{d} William Abbot's, Thomas Stevens, Richard Fawks and the Country Line.

To George Walton, Sherwood Walton, Joseph Walton, Thomas Franklin, William Walton, and Joseph Williams for Sixty Thousand Acres on both sides of Buck or Clinch River beginning at Clinch's Cabbin thence up and down in Augusta and that each Person be allowed a Separate Survey on paying Rights when the works are return'd to the Secretary's Office.

To George Walton and Joseph Walton Twenty Thousand Acres on both sides of Holson's River beginning at Lyon's upper Cabbin thence up and down in Augusta on paying Rights when the works are return'd to the Secretary's Office

To John Twitty Marmaduke Stanfield & Alexander Walker Fifteen Thousand Acres in Lunenburgh beginning on or joining Clement Read's Lines on Turkey Cock Creek, runing up both sides of the said Turkey Cock including all the Branches to the Foot of the Mountains and all the Branches of the said River and down the said River on both Sides to William Robert's Land from thence to Sandy River.

To Richard Parr One Thousand Acres including a Tract of Four Hundred Acres Already Survey'd in Brunswick for the Petitioner and to have an inclusive Patent for the same.

To Samuel Glover Four Hundred Acres on Slate River in Albemarle and to include the same with Seven Tracts already Patented joining thereto in one Patent.

To Joshua Fry Two Thousand Two Hundred Acres in Albemarle between Porridge and Stoval's Creeks adjoining to two Tracts one of One Hundred Acres another of Two Hundred Ninety three Acres both patented and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

On the Petition of Marquis Calmes, Lewis Neil Christopher Beeler, William Neil, Patrick Price and Samuel Akriel Leave is granted them to renew an Order of Council granted April 22d 1747. to William McMachan and others for Sixty Thousand Acres joining the Grant of John Blair Esqr and others and on the Waters of Potowmack west and North west of the Line of Lord Fairfax and on the Branches of Youghyoughgane and Mongely and to insert the Names of any Person or Persons whom they shall find it Necessary to take in as a Partner or Partners to promote the Settling of the said Lands, and Five Years further Time in [*i. e.* is] allowed them to survey and pay Rights for the same upon Return of the Plats to the Secretary's Office.

On the Petition of John Blair Esqr and Company Leave is granted them to renew and [*sic*] Order of Council granted Novr 4th 1745. for One Hundred Thousand Acres lying to the Westward of the Line of Lord Fairfax on the Waters of Potowmack and youyougane, and four Years further Time in [*i. e.* is] allowed them to Survey and pay Rights for the same upon return of the Plans to the Secretary's Office.

At a Council held October 29th 1751.

Present
The President.

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
William Nelson Esqrs	Philip Grymes
William Dawson D. D.	Richard Corbin &
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell Esqrs

On the Petition of Thomas Nelson Esqr and Company Leave is granted them to renew an Order of Council Granted them the 23d of April 1745. for one Hundred Thousand Acres lying on Green Brier River North West & West of the Cow Pasture and New found Land and four Years further Time is allowed them to Survey and to pay Rights for the same upon Return of the Plans to the Secretary's Office.

The Council Having taken into Consideration the Necessity of providing a House for the Reception of the Governor it is Ordered That John Blair and Philip Ludwell Esqrs be impower'd to treat with any Person upon the Hiring of a House for that Purpose.

Order'd That the General Assembly be further prorogued to the first Thursday in March next and that a Proclamation[143] forthwith issue for that Purpose.

At a Council held October 31st 1751.

Present
The President

William Fairfax	John Lewis
John Blair	Thomas Nelson
William Nelson Esqrs	Philip Grymes
William Dawson D D.	Richard Corbin &

Philip Ludwell Esqrs

The Accounts of Contingent Charges from the 25th of April 1751. to the 25th of October 1751. and for Repairs to the Governors House being laid before the Board were allowed.

[143]See p. 494.

At a Council held November 1st 1751.

Present
The President
and as before

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of 2s per Hhd Port Duties &c were Signed by the President in Council.

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For half a Years Salary to the Governor	£1000..	0..	0
For Do to the Council	300..	0..	0
To the Judges and others of the Court of Oyer & Terminer	100..	0..	0
For half a Years Salary to the Auditor	50..	0..	0
For Do to the Sollicitor of Virginia Affairs	50..	0..	0
For Do to the Attorney General	35..	0..	0
For Do to the Clerk of the Council	50..	0..	0
For Do to the Adjutant	75..	0..	0
For Do to the Armourer	6..	0..	0
For Do to the Gunners of the Batteries	21..	0..	0
To the Ministers attending one General Court	10..	0..	0
For Repairs to the Governors House	56..	5..	9
For Contingent Charges	213..	9..	9
For the Purchase of Armes and Ammunition	329..	5..	5
For Entertain[in]g of & a Present to the Cherokees	297..	10..	4
To Mrs Fry and Jefferson for a Map of Virginia	300..	0..	0

On the Revenue of Quitrents

To the Commissary	50..	0..	0
To the Attorney General	35..	0..	0

The Accounts of his Majesty's Revenue of Quit Rents from the 25th of April 1750. to the 25th of April 1751. Also the Accounts of the Revenue of 2s per Hhd Port Duties &c from the 25th of April 1751. to the 25th of October 1751. being examined by the Deputy Auditor and made Oath to by the Receiver General were certifyed by the President as usual.

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted

To Gideon Marr Three Thousand Acres beginning at the Head of South Branch of George's Creek of James River in Albemarle.

To the same Two Thousand Acres in Albemarle beginning on the Line of John Goodwin on a Branch of Rock Island Creek to extend down the Branches for Complement.

To Matthew Talbot, David Bell, and Henry Bell Son of the said David, Twenty Thousand Acres in Augusta on a Creek called Chesnut Creek beginning about a Mile below the Meadows so runing up and Down both sides of the said Creek and up and down the Adjacent Creeks for Quantity and that each to be allowed one Survey.

Ordered That a New Commission of the Peace issue for Caroline and that the following Gentlemen be added Viz^{t} Edmund Pendleton who is to be last of the Quorum, Edward Dixon, Robert Gilchrist, Walter Chiles.

Ordered That a New Commission of the Peace Issue for Charles City and that Benjamin Cocke Littlebury Hardiman and John Jacob Danzie Gentlemen be added.

Order'd That a New Commission of the Peace issue for Westmorland and that the following Gentlemen be added vizt John Bushrod, Charles Ashton, Robert Vaulx, which three are to be placed as they stood in a former Commission Lawrance Butler, William Booth William Flood and John Graham.

Order'd That a New Commission issue for Hanover and that John Chiswell Gentleman be reinstated

Order'd That Ten Pounds be allowed Benjamin Moss for apprehending a Felon.

Mr Secretary is desired to signify to the Clerks of the Several County's that the return of the Dedimus is dispensed with.

At a Council held November 21st 1751.

Present

The Honble Robert Dinwiddie Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia

William Fairfax	William Dawson D D
John Blair	Thomas Nelson &
William Nelson Esq^{rs}	Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}

A Commission under his Majesty's Signet & Sign Manual bearing Date the 4th Day of July 1751. constituting and appointing the Honble

Robert Dinwiddie Esqr in Case of the death or Absence of the Right Honble William Ann Earl of Albemarle his Majesty's Lieutenant & Governor General of this Colony and Dominion to be Lieutenant Governor of the said Colony and authorizing and requiring him to Execute and perform all and Singular the Powers and Authority's contained in the Commission granted to the said Earl. Also a Commission under the Great Seal of the High Court of Admiralty of Great Britain Bearing Date the 24th Day of July 1751. constituting the said Robert Dinwiddie Esqr Vice Admiral of this his Majesty's Colony and Dominion of Virginia, being severally read, his Honour took the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, the Abjuration Oath and Subscribed the Test and took the Oath for the faithful Discharge of the Office of Governor and due Observation of the Acts of Trade which said Oaths were Administred to him by William Fairfax, John Blair and William Nelson Esq^{rs} three of the Members of his Majesty's Council And then the said Lieutenant Governor administred to the Several and respective Members of the Council here present the said Several Oaths appointed to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy the Abjuration Oath and the Test together with the Oath of a Counselor, in Pursuance of his Majesty's Instructions.

The Oath of Office was also Administred to Mr Walthoe Clerk of the Council.

Order'd That a Proclamation[144] immediately issue for continuing all Public Officers in their respective Places

His Majesty's Warrant dated the 12th day of August 1751. to the Lieutenant Governor of Virginia directing him to Cause a New Seal with his Majesty's Effigies to be used in this Colony in the Sealing of all Patents and Grants of Lands and all Publick Instruments which shall be made and passed in his Name and for his Service within his Colony of Virginia, was read and Order'd to be Register'd

John Blair and Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs} were directed and impower'd to treat and Agree with Doctor M^{c}Kénzie of Williamsburgh upon the Purchase of his House for the Use and Accommodation of the Governor.

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[144]See p. 495.

At a Council held December 11th 1751.

Present
The Governor

John Blair	Thomas Nelson
William Nelson Esqrs	Philip Grymes
William Dawson D D	Richard Corbin
John Lewis	Peter Randolph &

Philip Ludwell Esqrs

John Lewis Philip Grymes Richard Corbin and Peter Randolph Esqrs took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, the Abjuration Oath Subscribed the Test, and then took the usual Oath of a member of his Majesty's Council.

The Council taking into Consideration the great and extraordinary Expence the Governor hath been put to by a Long Attendance in London after his Appointment to his Office before he could find an Oppertunity of his Passage to this Colony, and by being Obliged at last to transport himself and his Family in a Merchant Ship, are unanimously of Opinion and do Accordingly Order that towards defraying the expences aforementioned the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds Sterling be paid to the Governor by the Receiver General out of the Ballance of his Majesty's Revenue of 2s/. per Hhd &c remaining in his Hands, and that the same be placed among the Contingent Charges of this Government.

The Governor desiring the Advice of the Council concerning the most proper Time for issuing Writs for calling a New Assembly on consideration thereof it is the Oppinion of this Board and accordingly.

Order'd That a Proclamation[145] forthwith issue for Dissolving the Present Assembly, and that the Writs for electing the Burgesses bear Teste of To-morrow and be made returnable the last Thursday in February next Mr Secretary this day deliver'd up the Old Seal of the Colony to the Governor, whereupon his Honour was pleased to intrust him with the New one.

Order'd That the Revd Mr Thomas Dawson be allowed Thirty Pounds per Annum, to Commence from the 25th of October Last for his Extraordinary trouble & diligence in visiting and Attending the Prisoners under Sentence of Death.

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[145]See p. 496.

Order'd That a New Commission of the Peace issue for Charles City and that Cary Heslet Hopper Gent. be added and placed next to Benjamin Harrison, and that William and Littlebury Hardyman be added and placed next to Benjamin Cocke.

At a Council held December 12th 1751

Present
The Governor

John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson Esqrs	Peter Randolph
William Dawson D D.	Richard Corbin &
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell Esqrs

Order'd That the Clerk write to Anthony Strother to desire him to take upon himself the trouble of forwarding his Majesty's Present to the Indians from Frederick'sburgh to Frederick Town; and to write to and acquaint Colo Thomas Cresup that the said Present will be deliver'd to the Indians the 15th of May next at Loggs Town; and that his Terms for conveying the Goods from Frederick Town to that Place, which were a Pistole, per Hundred, are agreed to.

Order'd That the Receiver General pay Colo James Patton £ S d 44..18..4½ his Expences in Accompanying the Cherokees upon their return from Williamsburgh, & £ S d 22..2..0 for his Expences on his Journy to Loggs Town and the further Sum of £ 78. for his Extraordinary Trouble, and Loss of two Horses. Joshua Fry Esqr and Colo James Patton were this day nominated Commissioners to Negotiate a Treaty with the Indians at Loggs Town, and deliver to them his Majesty's Present, if Mr Fry declines Mr Christopher Gest is to be appointed in his room.

Order'd That the Clerk Write to, and inform Mr Fry of his being Named a Commissioner and desire him by the return of the Messenger to Signify his Disposition whether such an Undertaking will be Agreeable to him The Governor is desir'd to write to Conrad Weiser Esqr and inform him that Commissioners are appointed and will be sent from hence to meet and treat with the

Indians the 15th of May next at Loggs Town and request him to join with and Assist them.

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Order'd That the Receiver General pay James Bird £11..12..0. for going Express to Colo Patton's, and the President's, and other Services for the Government.

Upon reading a Letter this Day from the Lords of Trade dated Octr 15th 1750. relating to the settling of a Boundary Line Between Virginia and Pensylvania, it is the Advice of this Board that his Honour will be pleased to Certify to their Lordships the Unanimous Opinion of the Council that the ascertaining the Boundaries of these two Provinces will undoubtedly prove of General Benefit, will Considerably increase his Majesty's Revenue of Quit Rents and prevent Many Controversies which may Arise from delaying it and press their Lordships to expedite an Affair of so great Importance.

At a Council held January 23d 1752.

Present
The Governor

John Blair	John Lewis
William Nelson Esqrs	Thomas Nelson
William Dawson D D	Philip Grymes &

Philip Ludwell Esqrs

The Governor Communicated to the Board two Letters from Colo Thomas Cresup dated the 4th of this Instant recomending Mr Andrew Muntour, on Account of his Understanding Probity, and the great Esteem in which he is held by the Indians as a Person the best Qualify'd to be employ'd as Interpretor on Behalf of this Government with those People & informing of a Robbery and Murder committed at the Ohio, of which Complaint was made to a Magistrate of Frederick County but no Notice taken of it by him. Upon which it was the Advice of the Council that his Honour would be pleased to return for Answer, that they believe Mr Muntour is deserving of the Character and Recommendation given of him, should be glad of his good Offices, and that he could be prevailed on to reside in Virginia and to meet the Commissioners at his House at the Time fix'd, tho' it is not yet resolved on absolutely to engage

him in that Service; and desire Mr Cresap will Endeavour to learn and obtain from under the Hand of the Magistrate his reason for not Regarding the Complaint made to him. John Blair Esqr Dr William Dawson and Philip Ludwell Esq. were Appointed to draw up Heads of Instructions for the Commissioners who are to treat with the Indians in May next at Loggs Town.

At a Council held March 3d 1752.

Present
The Governor.

William Fairfax	William Dawson D D
John Blair	Thomas Nelson &
William Nelson Esqrs	Richard Corbin Esqrs

His Honour and the Council Having judged it Adviseable to exchange some of the Rich Goods which his Majesty had been graciously pleased to send as a present to the Indians, thought proper to Order that Colo James Patton (appointed one of the Commissioners on the Behalf of this Government to treat with the said Indians) desire Mr Lewis, Mr Jackson, and Mr Dick Merchants in Fredericksburg to set a just Value on the same that they may be changed for other Goods which the said Patton shall judge more Suitable for the Indians.

John Blair, William Nelson & Richard Corbin Esqrs were this day Nominated and appointed to draw a Commission and Instructions for the Gentlemen who are to deliver his Majesty's Present and to Negotiate the Treaty with the Indians.

Order'd That it be an Instruction to the Commissioners to signify to, and satisfy the Indians that the Present from his Majesty, is in Consequence of the Treaty at Lancaster, and intended as a further Consideration for the Lands they then Sold to this Government and an Inducement for them to protect, and secure a peaceable Possession to the Ohio Company.

Also to inform themselves particularly of the Disposition of Conrad Weiser, Andrew Muntour, and others, to learn whether they are truly inclined to serve, and heartily in the Interest of this Government; and are persons fit to be employed as Interpreters.

Order'd That Six Union Sloop Jacks be procured for Coulours for the Indians.

Order'd That the Receiver General pay James Harris Ten Pounds for Damages done to him by the Cherokee Indians.

The following Petitions for Land were read and Granted:

To Sherwood Bugg One Thousand Five Hundred Acres in Lunenburgh on the South Side of Roanoake including the Land he bought of Francis Bressie.

To Francis Bressie Five Thousand Acres in Lunenburgh on Butcher's Creek joining Major Todds including three Thousand Acres which he had an Order of Council for.

To Thomas Lewis Ten Thousand Acres in Augusta beginning below the Mouth of the new River on Allegany thence down the said River for Complement.

To Ambrose Powell Ten Thousand Acres in Augusta beginning on Allegany above the Mouth of New River to continue up the said River for Quantity.

To James Maury Ten Thousand Acres in Augusta to begin on Allegany on the North Side of the dividing Line Between Carolina and Virginia and to Continue up the River for Complement, To Thomas Merriweather Ten Thousand Acres in Augusta beginning above Maury's Ten Thousand Acres on the said River and to Continue up the River for Complement.

To Thomas Walker Ten Thousand Acres in Augusta beginning at the mouth of Pickawalenian River continuing down Alegany for Complement.

To George Morris, John Collier, William Simms & Samuel Morris Forty Thousand Acres in Lunenburgh beginning on Doe Creek above Richard Witton's last Entry Thence up both Forks for Quantity.

To John Legrand Two Thousand Acres in Lunenbugh joining the Tract of Land he Nows [*sic*] Lives On, on Difficult Creek and to be included with the same in one Patent.

To Alexander Legrand Two Thousand Acres joining Major Coles Lines on Buckskin Creek, and the vacant Land thereabouts.

To James Bates Six Thousand Acres in Lunenburgh between Staunton and Dan River the East side of a Creek called Catawba beginning on the Line of William Maze deceased, Thence up the said Creek and round for Quantity

To Reubin Abney Ten Thousand Acres in Lunenburgh beginning on the first Vacant Land on Snow Creek a Branch of Pigg River, thence extending upwards.

To Bennet Abney Ten Thousand Acres in Lunenburgh beginning where the Blue ridge Crosses Staunton River thence down so as to join Robert Waltons Order when run, and the Vacant Land joining the River aforesaid

To Robert Ricks five Hundred Acres joining his Patented Land in Southampton, & to have an inclusive Patent for for [*sic*] the whole.

To Nicholas Merriweather Ten Thousand Acres in Augusta beginning at the Mouth of Pickawalenian River, continuing up the said River & Alegany for Quantity

To Benjamin Hawkins Leave to join Three Hundred & Ninety Acres of Land Surveyed on the Branches of Juniper Creek the 5th of February 1752. and three Hundred and Eighty Six Acres Surveyed the same day on the Branches of Twitty's Creek with Three Thousand Survey'd the same day by Order of Council granted William Childrey and John Hawkins and Assign'd to him, and to have a Patent for the whole Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Six Acres in Lunenburgh.

At a Council held March 17th 1752.

Present
The Governor.

William Fairfax	William Dawson D D
John Blair	Thomas Nelson
William Nelson Esqrs	Philip Grymes &

Richard Corbin Esqrs

An Act to Dock the Intail of certain Land whereof Carter Burwell is seised in Tail Male & for Settling other Lands of greater Value to the same Uses, with his Majesty's Confirmation thereof the 20th day of December 1750. was this day read, and Order'd to be Register'd in the Secretary's Office.

The Governor and Council This day taking into Consideration the Delay of Justice in the County Courts, which they have reason to Apprehend is chiefly owing to the too great Number and Neglect

of Justices, to remedy the said Inconvenience and Greivances, & expedite the Business of the said Courts were please to Order that the Several County Court Clerks attend the Governor on the 25th of April Next with a List of the Justices who have Qualify'd themselves, of those who have refused, and their Reasons for such Refusal,

At a Council held March 23d 1752.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson Esqrs	Peter Randolph
William Dawson D D.	Richard Corbin &

Philip Ludwell Esqrs

A Petition Subscribed by Many of the Inhabitants of Princess Ann to remove the Court-House of the said County to New Town; also a Petition from the Borough of Norfolk praying the same were read,

Order'd That the Consideration thereof be postpond to Friday Sennight and that the Parties on both sides have Notice to Attend on that day.

A Petition Subscribed by many of the Principal Inhabitants of Fairfax County for removing the Court House and Prison of that County to the Town of Alexandria which they propose to build by Subscription was this day read

Order'd That the Justices of the said County be Acquainted therewith, and required to Signify their Objections against such removal if they have any by the 25th of next Month, on which day this Board will resume the Consideration thereof.

William Fairfax Esqr on Behalf of the Council acquainted the Governor that they had Drawn a Representation to his Majesty for an Augmentation of their Salary in Consideration of the great Increase of Business, and the Extraordinary Attendance they are Obliged to Give, as well as for the better enabling them to support the Dignity of their Office which was read and is as follows

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty
The Humble Representation of the Council
of State and Judges of General Court of
this Your Majesty's Antient
Colony and Dominion of Virginia.

Sheweth.

That the General Assembly taking into their Consideration the great Increase of the Business in the Supreme Court (of which by a Law of this Colony the Council are Constituted Judges without any other appointment or Fees than Your Majesty's Allowance to them) to prevent the evil Consiquences arising from a Delay of the Administration of of [*sic*] Justice have thought it Expedient to add Six day's to each Term; so that they are obliged to Attend on that Duty alone at least Two Months in every Year.

That the Business of the Assembly and all the other Services daily increase as the Country becomes more Populous.

That by reason of the remote Scituation of Many of them from the Seat of Government they are not only at a Considerable expence in Attending the Several Branches of their Duty, but also suffer no small Loss through their long Absence from their Estates.

That for all These Services, and to Support the Dignity of their Stations They are at present allowed a Salary of Six Hundred Pounds a Year; payable out of Your Majesty's Revenue of Two Shillings a Hogshead which Fund was established to defray these and other contingent Expences of Government and will now very well admit of a further allowance.

They therefore pray Your Majesty may from your known Goodness and Equity be induced for the future to allow them a Salary more proportionate to the Attendance they are obliged to Give in the several Services to which they have the Honour to be appointed and humbly propose that the Sum of Twelve Hundred Pounds per Annum may be paid them out of the said Fund of Two Shillings a Hogshead which will amount but to One Hundred Pounds a Year to each of them and which in the whole will not exceed the Profits of the Office of a Chief Justice in some of Your Majesty's Plantations in America.

And the Governor was pleased to express his Approbation thereof; and the Council Present desiring his Honour to recommend the same to his Majesty. the Governor promised to do all in his Power towards rendering their Request successfull.

At a Council held March 31st 1752.

Present
The Governor.

William Fairfax	William Dawson D D
John Blair	John Lewis
William Nelson Esqrs	Thomas Nelson &

Peter Randolph Esqrs

The Governor Communicated to the Board a Letter from Mr Conrad Weiser dated March 5th 1752. Signifying that he gladly accepted the Offer of being Interpretor promising to be Zealous in Serving this Government & recommending Mr Andrew Muntour to meet and assist him in the Delivery of his Majesty's Present. Also a Letter from Colo Cresap dated the 19th and 22d of February last, advising to Invite the Twigtwees otherwise called Pickolinces, to accede to the Treaty, and accept a Part of the Present.

Whereupon it is the Advice of the Council & accordingly Order'd That the Clerk write to Mr Muntour and signify to him the Good Opinion this Board entertains of him, on the Character given him by Colo Cresap and the Recommendation of Mr Weiser and desire him to join and Assist Mr Weiser in the delivery of the Present and also request him to go himself if he can with a Belt of Wampum to the Twigtwees (or else procure some other Person whom he can rely on) and endeavour to prevail on them to be at the Treaty, and partake of the present, if he shall be of Opinion that it will not be displeasing to the Six Nations, and to do all in his Power that the Six Nations fail not to meet punctually at the Time; and Assure him that he may depend on being well rewarded for his Service.

Order'd That Notice be given in the Gazette that the Governor and Council will Sit and proceed on the Docket immediately after next Court of Oyer and Terminer, and that all Persons who shall have any Causes depending be required to be ready and give Attendance at that Time to prosecute or defend the same.

At a Council held April 4th 1752.

Present
The Governor.

William Fairfax	John Lewis
John Blair	Thomas Nelson
William Nelson Esqrs	Philip Grymes &
William Dawson D D	Peter Randolph Esqrs

Lunsford Lomax Esqr was appointed to join Joshua Fry and James Patton Esqrs as a Commissioner for Negotiating the Treaty with the Indians.

The Commission and Instructions prepared for the said Commissioners were read and Approved of, and Order'd to be fairly Transcribed and enter'd in the Register of Indian Transactions.

On the Petition of Lunsford Lomax Esqr It is Ordered that no Advantage shall be taken of his not having any Lands he is concern'd in, survey'd during his Absence on the Service of the Government.

The Board this Day having heard the Parties on both sides relating to the Petitions for removing the Court-House of Princess Ann County postponed the determination thereof till next Tuesday.

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted

To Samuel Jordan Leave to take up all the waste Lands adjoining the Lines of the Land he now lives on, and the Lines of 175 Acres of Land granted to Henry Trent, and to include the said Waste Lands and the 175 Acres in One Patent with the Land he lives on.

To William Powell One Thousand Acres and Leave to join it together with Three Hundred by him Already Survey'd on the North Side of Banister River in the Fork of Roanoke River in Lunenburgh.

To Theophilus Field Six Hundred Acres on Grassy Creek in Lunenburgh including his Entry of Four Hundred Acres and an Entry Assign'd him by Sherwood Walton.

To Henry Bailey One Thousand Acres in the Counties of Surry and Brunswick beginning at Northcross's Path on the middle Branch in Brunswick & joining Isaac Colliers, William Williams's Richard Cocks and Isaac Oliver's lines.

To Nicholas Edmunds Two Thousand Acres in Brunswick joining his own, Charles Debnham's, Henry Briggs deceased his Heirs, Philip Bowers's and Robert Campbell's Lines.

To Samuel Taylor and Richard Womack One Thousand Acres in Lunenburgh joining the Land that Joseph Morton Lives on.

To Edmund Ruffin One Thousand Five Hundred Acres in Brunswick on Great Creek including his own Land.

To John Steed Leave to patent Seven Hundred and Ninety Acres already Survey'd in Brunswick.

To William Huff Eight Hundred Acres joining the Country Line, Moseley's Line, John McJuvale's, Barker's & Brewer's Lines after they have Survey'd in Brunswick.

To Marmaduke Daniel Leave to patent Eight Hundred and forty three Acres already Survey'd in Brunswick.

To Thomas Satterwhite Five Thousand Acres in Lunenburgh on the South Side of Roan Oake beginning at Aaron Pinson's Lines running up and Down both sides the Road.

To William Leatherdale Five Thousand Acres on Blue Stone joining his Patented Land and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

To Joseph Farley Ten Thousand Acres in Lunenburgh and Amelia County's on both Sides the Lines which divide the said Counties lying between the Heads of Nottoway and Briery River's and either of the Surveyors, of the said Counties has Leave to Survey the same.

The Board having taken into Consideration a Fine of Sixty Pounds imposed above a Year ago on Theophilus Field for Usury by the General Court and an Order of the late Honble Thomas Lee Esqr for Suspending the Execution thereof till his Majesty's Pleasure was known and understanding that no Application had been made or Step taken towards obtaining the same.

Order'd That the Attorney General be directed to issue a Scire Facias for the said Field to shew Cause why Execution should not go against him.

At a Council held April 7th 1752.

Present the
Governor

William Fairfax	John Lewis
John Blair	Thomas Nelson
William Nelson Esq^rs	Philip Grymes &
William Dawson D. D.	Peter Randolph Esq^rs

An Order of his Majesty in Council dated the 31st Day of October 1751. Confirming, finally enacting, & ratifying Fifty Seven Acts of Assembly; and repealing, & declaring Void Ten other Acts passed in

the Years 1748 & 1749. was this Day communicated by the Governor to the Board whereupon it is Order'd That a Proclamation[146] immediately issue requiring all Persons in this Government to take due Notice thereof, and Govern themselves accordingly.

His Majesty's Warrant Countersign'd by the Right Honble the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury and bearing Date the 11th Day of September 1751. was this day read in Council directing the Payment of the Sum of Nine Hundred Seventy three Pounds three shillings and a Penny out of the Revenue of Quit Rents for defraying the whole Charge on the Part of his Majesty of extending the Line between Virginia and Carolina & it is Accordingly Order'd That a Warrant be prepared for the Governors Signing for the Payment of the Aforesaid Sum pursuant to His Majesty's Pleasure in that Behalf.

An Act to Dock the Intail of Certain Lands in the County of Gloucester late the Estate of Thomas Todd and vesting the same in Trustees to be sold and the Money Arising therefrom to be laid out in Slaves to the sames [*sic*] uses with his Majesty's Confirmation thereof the 14th of January 1752. was read and Order'd to be Register'd in the Secretary's Office.

The Board having this day resumed the Consideration of the Petitions for removing the Court House of Princess Ann County to New Town are of Opinion that New Town is the most fit and Convenient place for the Court House, and it is accordingly

Order'd That a Commodious Court House with a Good and Sufficient Prison, and Pillory be erected there at the Expence of the Petitioners.

At a Council held April 16th 1752.

Present
The Governor.

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson Esqrs	Peter Randolph
William Dawson D D.	Richard Corbin &
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell Esqrs

146See pp. 497-498.

On the Petition of the Revd George Samuel Klug Minister to the German Settlement in Culpeper County, and a Certificate of his Services for Many years past to the Neighbouring English Inhabitants of the said Place, and Good Character and on Consideration of his small Allowance & indigent Circumstances it is

Order'd That the Receiver General pay him the sum of Twenty five Pounds.

At a Council held April 22^{d} 1752.

Present
The Governor.

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson Esq^{rs}	Peter Randolph
William Dawson D D.	Richard Corbin &
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}

Upon the Petition of the Reverend Mr Samuel Davies and a Certificate produced of the Ordination of the Reverend Mr John Todd, it is the Advice of the Board and Accordingly

Order'd That the said Mr Todd quallifying himself according to Law, be permitted and Impower'd by the Governor, to officiate and preach as an Assistant to the said Mr Davies in the meeting Houses already Licensed.

The Governor desiring the Opinion and Advice of the Board relating to a Fee for the Seal of the Colony affixed to Patents for Land which he thought he was justly intituled to, and might reasonably insist upon agreeable to the Practise of all other Governments in America.

It is Thereupon the Opinion of the Board, that the same is reasonable; and they do Advise his Honour to Demand and take one Pistole, as a Fee for the Seal to every Patent before signing of the same.

At a Council held April 22d[147] 1752.
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Present
The Governor.

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson Esq^{rs}	Peter Randolph
William Dawson D D.	Richard Corbin &
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}

Conrad Weiser Esqr Appear'd this day in Council and desired he might be disengaged from his promise of serving this Government in the Capacity of Interpretor at the ensuing Treaty at Loggs Town for fear of Offending the Six united Nations of Indians, who being a jealous people, he said he [*sic*][148] would conclude, that because he could not prevail on them to come to Fredericksburgh to receive his Majesty's Present, he had Advised the Governor of Virginia to Give the Present to the Ohio Indians.

Whereupon it was the Advice of the Board that his Honour would immediately dispatch a Messenger to the Commissioners, and inform them thereof; and require them to proceed directly on their Journey to Loggs Town, and wait Four days after the full Moon in May for the Arrival of the Six united Nations of Indians; and after the Expiration of that Time in His Majesty's Name to deliver the Present to the Indians at Loggs Town, in the Name of the Six Nations and the Nation of Indians who are in Amity with them; also to employ if they can Mr Christopher Gest as a joint Interpretor with Mr Muntour and assure him he will be Hansomely rewarded for his Trouble and to take proper Oppertunity to Acquaint the Chiefs of the Indians that it will be Agreeable to us to deliver any Present to them hereafter within this Dominion.

Order'd That a Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Hallifax and that the following Gentlemen be Appointed Viz^{t} William Byrd William Wynne Peter Fontaine jun^{r} James Terry William Irby Nathaniel Terry, Robert Wade, Hampton Wade, Andrew Wade, Hugh Moore, and Sherwood Walton and that one half of the Justices and one more be of the Quorum.

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[147]This date, which is the same as that given for the preceding meeting, should apparently be April 25, since the decision in regard to the removal of Fairfax court-house, postponed on March 23 until April 25, was made at this meeting.

[148]The word "they" was probably intended.

Order'd That a Commission of the Peace issue for the County of Dinwiddie, and that the following Gentlemen be appointed viz[t] William Poythress John Banister William Broadnax, Anthony Haynes, Anthony Walke, John Jones David Walker, Frederick Jones, Thomas Williams, James Boissean [*sic*],[149] and Andrew Haynes, And that one half of the Justices and one more be of the Quorum.

Upon the Petition of Many of the Inhabitants of Fairfax County for removing the Court House and Prison of the said County by Subscription to the Town of Alexandria the Board being Satisfy'd that it is Generally desired by the People and on Notice Given no Objection being made to it.

Order'd That the Court House and Prison be removed accordingly to the Town of Alexandria.

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[149]This name probably should be Boisseau. The names of James Boisseau and of several in this commission appear on p. 272 in a commission for Prince George County from which Dinwiddie County was formed in 1752.

Virginia.[150]

At a Council held April 30th 1752.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson Esqrs	Peter Randolph
William Dawson D. D.	Richard Corbin &

Philip Ludwell Esqrs

His Majesty's Letter and Sign Manual dated the 3d Day of April 1750 appointing William Beverley Esq one of his Majesty's Council of State for this Colony, having been read, he accordingly upon taking the Oaths to the Government and the Oath of Office, was admitted to his place at the Board.

Present

William Beverley Esq

The County Court Clerks having attended the Governor, pursuant to an Order of the 17th of March last with a List of the Justices; the same being laid before the Board, they proceeded to consider and settle the Commissions of the peace in the several Counties.

Upon Consideration of the petition of Richard Bland Gent, relating to the Commission for Prince George County, on the Question being put whither there should be a Hearing of the parties, or come to a Determination now, it was carried for a present Determination, and that it was unnecessary to defer it.

The following is a List of all the Justices, as they were settled and appointed in Consequence of the abovementioned Order, and new

[150]This endorsement is apparently in the handwriting of the person who added endorsements to the journals for October 16, 1740-June 11, 1741, October 15, 1741-July 26, 1742, August 6, 1742-September 10, 1744, June 10, 1747-December 2, 1748, and December 8, 1748-August 29, 1751. The text is from a photographic copy of original manuscript journal in the British Public Record Office, C. O. 5:1429, showing 102 numbered pages, and ending with May 7, 1754. The text was probably written by an assistant to the clerk of the Council as the handwriting appears to be different from the latter's attestation at the end.

Commissions of the peace for the several Counties in this Colony were ordered to issue accordingly, and that the persons afternamed be in them,

Accomack

Edmund Scarburgh, Anderson Patterson, John Wise, Littleton Scarburgh, Major, Thomas Teacle, Thomas Parramore, Edmund Allen, William Bagge, Charles West, James Rule.

Amelia

Charles Irby, Richard Booker, John Nash, Abraham Green, Thomas Tabb, George Walker, Abraham Cocke, William Clement, Samuel Terry, William Archer, Hezekiah Ford, Wood Jones.

Albemarle

Joshua Fry, Peter Jefferson, Allen Howard, Charles Lynch, James Daniel, Thomas Ballow, Samuel Jordan, John Reid, William Harris John Anthony, John Cobbs.

Augusta

James Patton, John Lewis, Peter Shull, Thomas Lewis, Robert Cunningham, John Wilson, William Jameson, Andrew Lewis, David Steuart, James Lockhart, Erwin Patterson, Rober[t] M^c^Clanahan, Benjamin Borden, Richard Woods, John Matthews.

Brunswick

Henry Embry, John Willis, Nicholas Edmunds, Drury Stith, Henry Simmons, James Parish, Lewis Parham, Nathaniel Edwards, Buckner Stith, John Clack, Henry Embry jun^r^.

Charles City

John Minge, Richard Kennon, William Lightfoot, William Byrd, John Hardyman, John Edloe, Benjamin Harrison, Cary Haslet Happer, John Jacob Coignon Danzee, William Acrill.

Caroline

William Woodford, Lunsford Lomax, Thomas Buckner, William Taliaferro, John Taylor, George Hoomes, John Baylor, Richard Buckner, Thomas Johnson, Edmund Pendleton, Edward Dixon.

Chesterfield.

John Bolling, Richard Royal, William Kennon jun^{r}, John Archer, Richard Eppes, Seth Ward, Edward Osborne jun^{r} Robert Kennon, Archibald Cary, William Thompson.

Culpeper

Robert Slaughter, Abraham Field, Francis Slaughter, Robert Eastham, William Russell, Henry Field, Philip Clayton, James Pendleton, Thomas Slaughter, William Green, Joseph Rogers.

Cumberland

George Carrington, Thomas Turpin, Nicholas Davies, Wade Netherland, Stephen Bedford, Creed Haskins, William Bernard, Abraham Salle, John Netherland, Henry Macon.

Elizabeth City,

John Lowry, Jacob Walker, Joseph Banister, Wilson Cary, John Tabb, William Westwood, Robert Armistead, Cary Selden, Thomas Wythe, Charles King, John Hunter.

Essex

Thomas Waring, James Garnett, Francis Smith, Mungo Roy, William Daingerfield, William Roane, John Corbin, Francis Waring, John Rowzee, Samuel Hipkins, Simon Miller, James Mills.

Fairfax

John Colvill, Lewis Ellzy, George William Fairfax, Stephen Lewis, Lawrence Washington, John West, John Carlyle, William Ramsay, Charles Broadwater, Anthony Russell.

Frederick

George William Fairfax, Morgan Morgan, Marquis Calmes, Lewis Neill, Meredith Helmes, John Lindsay, Thomas Swearingen, Isaac Perkins, John Hite, Gersham Keys, Lewis Stephens, Benjamin Foreman, Isaac Hite, Thomas Martin.

Gloucester

Francis Willis, Samuel Buckner, Beverley Whiting, William Armistead, Mann Page, Robert Throgmorton, James Hubbard, Warner Lewis, John Thruston, Beverley Randolph, Francis Willis jun^r^ John Page, Francis Tomkies.

Goochland

Arthur Hopkins, James Holman, John Smith, John Payne, William Miller, William Prior, Thomas Starke, John Fleming, James Cole, George Payne Tucker Woodson

Hanover

John Chiswell, John Henry, John Snelson, Essex William Winston, William Dabney, William Taylor, Robert Jennings, John Darracott, James Littlepage, William Winston jun^r^, Anthony Winston, John Syme;

Henrico

William Randolph, Richard Randolph, Philip Mayo, Isaac Winston, John Williamson, William Lewis, John Ellis, Samuel Duval, John Williamson jun^r^.

James City,

Carter Burwell, Hudson Allen, Richard Taliaferro, Lewis Burwell, Leonard Henley, Benjamin Eggleston, Armistead Burwell, John Blair jun^r^, Edward Champion Travis, Julius King Burbidge, Joseph Morton, William Barrett.

Isle of Wight

Robert Burwell, Thomas Gale, John Wills, Thomas Applewhaite, John Applewhaite, William Hodsden, Jordan Thomas, John Ely, James Bridger, Joseph Bridger, John Darden.

King George.

Charles Carter, Thomas Turner, Maximilian Robinson, John Champee, George Morton, Samuel Donne, John Triplett, John Taliaferro, Alexander Ross, Thomas Jett,

King and Queen

John Robinson, Humphrey Hill, Maurice Smith, William Byrd Richards, William Taliaferro, Thomas Thorpe, Joseph Pollard, Philip Johnson, Robert Baylor, Richard Todd, John Smith,

King William

John Martin, Francis West, James Quarles, Bernard Moore Philip Aylett, Nathaniel Claiborne, Thomas Dansie, William Cowne, Harry Gaines, Thomas Chamberlayne, Peter Robinson, Richard Squire Taylor.

Lancaster

Edwin Conway, William Tayloe, Joseph Chinn, Joseph Carter, John Steptoe, Peter Conway, Thomas Pinkard, Dale Carter, James Ball jun^{r}.

Louisa

Robert Lewis, Charles Barrett, Richard Johnson, Robert Harris, John Carr, John Starke, Joseph Skelton, John Poindexter, Roger Thompson, Joseph Martin, Nicholas Meriwether, Robert Anderson, Thomas Paulet, Richard Philips, John Pattus, James Winston, David Cosby, Mosias Jones.

Lunenburg

Field Jefferson, James Mitchell, David Stokes, Cornelius Cargill, Hugh Lawson, Liddal Bacon, Robert Henry Dyer, William

Coldwell, Abraham Martin, John Cox, Richard Witton, Matthew Marrable, William Callaway.

Middlesex

Edmund Barclay, Henry Thacker, Christopher Robinson, James Reid, Ralph Wormeley, Henry Whiting, Christopher Curtis, Robert Elliott, Henry Washington.

Nansemond.

David Mead, William Baker, James Turner, Mills Riddick Jonathan Godwin, Anthony Holliday, Josiah Riddick, Willis Riddick, Henning Temble, Nathaniel Wright Thomas Godwin.

New Kent.

William Macon, Daniel Parke Custis, George Webb, Richard Littlepage James Power, William Hockaday, John Richardson, Thruston James, Richard Adams, and John Power, who is to be in his former place

Norfolk

William Crafford, John Hutchings, Robert Tucker, James Ivy, William Portlock, Josiah Smith, Charles Swiney, Robert Todd, William Ivy, Christopher Perkins, Wilson Newton

Northampton

Thomas Marshall, Matthew Harmanson, Joachim Michael, Custis Kendall, Littleton Eyre, John Kendall, Edward Robins, John Wilkins, George Kendall, Kendall Harmanson, William Waters.

Northumberland

Presley Thornton, Spencer Ball, Samuel Blackwell, Cuthbert Spann, John Foushee, George Ball, Baldwin Matthews Smith, Griffin Fantleroy, William Taite, Richard Hull, Ellis Gill.

Orange

Zachary Taylor, Benjamin Cave, Charles Curtis, Edward Spencer, Joseph Thomas, Taverner Beale, William Taliaferro, Erasmus Taylor, James Maddson, Alexander Waugh, Francis Moore.

Prince George

William Starke, Nathaniel Harrison, William Eppes, Richard Bland, Stephen Dewey, Francis Eppes, Theophilus Feild, Anthony Peniston, Samuel Gordon, Thomas Eldridge, Thomas Hall, James Murray.

Princess Anne

Anthony Walke, Jacob Elligood, Nathaniel Newton, Edward Hack Moseley, William Keeling, Nathaniel M^c^Clanahan, Tully Robinson, John Whitehurst Anthony Walke jun^r^.

Prince William

Thomas Harrison, Richard Blackburn, Benjamin Grayson, John Wright, Joseph Blackwell, Anthony Seale, Bertrand Ewell, Robert Whickliff, John Ball, Richard Kenner, Henry Peyton John Churchhill.

Richmond

John Woodbridge, Thomas Barber, Landon Carter, John Tayloe, Jonathan Beckwith, Gilbert Hamilton, John Smith, William Brockenbrough, John Tarpley, Alvin Mountjoy.

Southampton

Joseph Gray, Nathaniel Ridley, Thomas Jarrell, Etheldred Taylor, Howell Edmunds, Jesse Brown, Benjamin Symonds, Albridgton Jones, James Ridley, Peter Butts.

Spotsylvania

John Waller, John Chew, Larkin Chew, Richard Tutt, John Spotswood, Benjamin Grymes, John Thornton, Robert Jackson, Henry Willis, William Hunter, Fielding Lewis, Charles Dick

Stafford

John Mercer, Philip Alexander, Richard Bernard, Motte Doniphon, John Peyton, Peter Daniel, William Fitzhugh, Henry Fitzhugh, Francis Thornton, Gerard Fowke, William Fitzhugh jun^{r}.

Surry

Stephen Dewey, John Ruffin, Richard Cocke, Benjamin Harrison, Benjamin Cocke, Howell Briggs, Lemuel Cocke, William Short, William Clinch, Hartwell Cocke, John Irby, John Avent.

Warwick

John Langhorne, John Jones, Henry Scasbrooke, Matthew Wills, William Harwood, William Digges, Henry Wythe, William Dudley, William Roscow

Westmoreland

Andrew Monroe, Willoughby Newton, John Bushrod, Robert Vaulx, Samuel Oldham, James Steptoe, Philip Ludwell Lee, James Berryman, Gawin Corbin, Richard Lee, Augustine Washington, Robert Carter

York Peyton Randolph, Edward Digges, George Gilmer, Daniel Moore, Samuel Read, John Goodwin, Dudley Digges jun^{r} Thomas Reynolds, John Norton, William Allen, Robert Sheild jun^{r} John Holt.

Ordered

That the Receiver General, pay Mr Conrad Weiser Twenty five Pounds, for his Journey and Expences, in coming to Williamsburgh, and an Encouragement to him to adhere steadily to the Interest of this Government.

At a Council held May 4th 1752.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson Esqrs	Peter Randolph
William Dawson D D.	Philip Ludwell &

William Beverley Esqrs

Ordered that the Clerk write to Mr Douglas and Mr Allen of Accomack County, to inquire into a Complaint made by Taby Quiniaway an Indian against William White for threatening and disturbing her in the possession of her House, and to make Report of the Truth, as soon as conveniently they can, and take Care that in the mean Time the petitioner be not ill treated.

The Accounts of Contingent Charges from the 25th of October 1751, to the 25th of April 1752, and for Repairs to the Governor's House, being laid before the Board were allowed.

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted.

To James Nevil Leave to include in one patent Three thousand Acres of Land for which he had lately an Order of Council with all his patented Land in Albemarle.

To Abraham Venable junr two Thousand Acres on Little Falling River and the Branches of the same, including three hundred and seventy six Acres already surveyed.

To John Twitty, Marmaduke Stanfield and Alexander Walker Fifteen Thousand Acres in Lunenburg, beginning at Clement Read's Line, on Turky Cock, and running up both Sides, and including all the Branches thereof, to the Foot of the Mountains, thence to Sandy River including all the Head Branches thereof, and runing down the said Sandy River including all the Branches thereof to William Roberts's Land.

To Benjamin Hendrick Four thousand Acres in Lunenburgh, beginning at a Black Gum, at the Mouth of Little Falling River, thence up the same to William Rogers's Line, thence along the same and down Great Falling River to John Nevil's Line, thence along the same.

To Francis Wagstaff Eight hundred Acres in Albemarle lying on David's Creek, begining at a Corner White Oak joining James Freeland's Lines.

To Matthew Talbot, Richard Vaughan, John Willmot and David Bell, Twenty Thousand Acres in Augusta on the New River begining at the Mouth of the Meadow Creek, and runing up and down the said New River, the Meadow Creek, and the adjacent Creeks for Complement.

To the same Twenty Thousand Acres in Augusta on New River begining at the Mouth of Little River, which heads against the Branches of the Adkin River and runing up and down the said New River and Little River and the adjacent Creeks.

To Joseph Ironmonger, Joseph Keaton, James Terry, and David Bell One hundred Thousand Acres in Augusta County on Ogakicky River, and it's Branches beginning at a Tree marked D. B. and runing up and down the said River and its Branches for Complement

To John Davidson and Jeremiah Wolsingholm all the vacant Lands between Shocko and Elkhorn Creek Branches of Banister River, in Hallifax, lately Lunenburg County.

To David Wilson and William Wilson Two Thousand Acres on poplar Cabbin Branch, in the Fork of Roanoak to include four Entries made by them.

To the same One Thousand Acres on the North side of Otter River to include their Entries there.

To Lunsford Lomax Two Thousand Acres on Horsley's Creek adjoining to his own Lands.

At a Council held May 7th 1752

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson Esqrs	Peter Randolph
William Dawson D D.	Richard Corbin
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell &

William Beverley Esqrs

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of 2/ per Hhd Port Duties &c were signed by the Governor in Council

		s	D
For half a Year's Salary to the Governor	£1000	0	0
For D° to the Council	300	—	—
To the Judges and others of the Court of Oyer & Terminer	100	—	—
For half a Year's Salary to the Auditor	50	—	—
For D° to the Sollicitor of Virginia Affairs	50	—	—
For D° to the Attorney General	35	—	—
For D° to the Clerk of the Council	50	—	—
For D° to the Adjutant	75	—	—
For D° to the Armourer	6	—	—
For D° to the Gunners of the Batteries	21	—	—
To the Ministers attending one General Assembly and General Court	24	—	—
For Repairs to the Governor's House	134	6	1
For contingent Charges	876	4	6
For the purchase of Arms	549	11	—
For the purchase of a House for the Use of the Governor	430	—	—

On the Revenue of Quit-Rents

To the Comissary	50	—	—
To the Attorney General	35	—	—

The Accounts of his Majesty's Revenue of 2/ per Hogshead Port Duties &c from the 25th of October 1751 to the 25th of April 1752, being examined by the Deputy Auditor and made Oath to by the Receiver General were certified by the Governor as usual.

At a Council held June 10th 1752.

Present
The Governor

John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson Esqrs	Peter Randolph
William Dawson D D.	Richard Corbin
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell &
Thomas Nelson	William Beverley Esqrs

Ordered

That a new Commission of the peace issue for Caroline County, and that the following Gentlemen be in it Viz William Woodford, Lunsford Lomax, Thomas Buckner, William Taliaferro, George Hoomes, John Baylor, Richard Buckner, Thomas Johnson, Edmund Pendleton, Edward Dixon, Robert Gilchrist, Peter Copeland and Joseph Hoomes.

Ordered

That a new Commission of the peace issue for the County of Henrico, and that Samuel Gleadow be reinstated.

Ordered

That a new Commission issue for Augusta, and that Robert Brackenridge be reinstated.

Ordered

That a new Commission of the peace issue for Essex County, and that the following Gentlemen be in it, Viz, Thomas Waring, Francis Smith, Mungo Roy, William Dangerfield, William Roane, John Corbin, Francis Waring, John Rowzee, Samuel Hipkins, Simon Miller, James Mills, John Clement, and William Covington.

Ordered

That a new Commission issue for Charles City, and that William Acrill be added.

Upon the Information of Robert M^c^Clanahan, and James Lockhart, that the Revd Mr Alexander Creaghead has taught and maintained treasonable positions, and preached and published pernicious Doctrines in the County of Augusta, and that Richard Woods one of the Magistrates of the said County administred the Oaths of Allegiance to the said Creaghead, and allowed him to omit what part of them he thought fit.

Ordered that the Sheriff of the said County be commanded to apprehend and secure in safe Custody the said Creaghead, and immediately bring him before the Governor at Williamsburg to answer to the said Information, and to summon to appear before his Honour at the same Time Richard Woods to answer the Complaint made against him, and

also Stephen Arnold and John Ramsay to testify and declare what they know concerning the Premisses.

At a Council held June 11th 1753 [*i. e.* 1752]

Present the Governor, and as before

Ordered

That a new Comission of the peace issue for Louisa County and that the following Gent be in it, Viz, Robert Lewis Charles Barret, Richard Johnson, Robert Harris, John Carr, John Starke, Robert Anderson, Thomas Paulet, John Pettus, Mosias Jones, Thomas Meriwether senr and David Milles.

Ordered

That a new Comission of the peace issue for Fairfax County, and that the following Gent be in it, Viz, John Colvill George William Fairfax, Stephen Lewis, Lawrence Washington, Thomas Colvill John West, Daniel MacCarty, John Carlyle, William Ramsay, Charles Broadwater, Anthony Russell and Fielding Turner.

Ordered

That a new Commission of the peace issue for Surry County, that John Irby be left out, and James Chappell, James Gee, John Mason junr and Edward Petway be reinstated in their former Places.

Abraham Cocke having entered a Caveat against granting a Patent to Jesse Brown for 400 Acres on the South Side of Maherin River, on the Branches of Kit's Creek, for Reasons appearing to the Board, the said Caveat was adjudged to be good and ordered that no patent issue to the Defendant for the said Land.

Matthew Talbot having entered a Caveat against John Ornsby Clerk, for 1,875 Acres on Falling River in the Fork called Mulberry Fork, on both Sides of the River or Creek called Briery Creek in Lunenburg; on hearing Council on both Sides,

Ordered That the Plaintiff have a patent for the said 1,875 Acres to compleat 2,400 Acres including his former Survey of 525 Acres.

George Todd having entered a Caveat against Richard Long or Peter Williams for 162 Acres and 69 perches in Caroline, for Reasons appearing to the Board,

Ordered that the plaintiff have a patent for the said Land.

Hugh Miller having entered a Caveat against John Hall and William Munford for 850 Acres on the lower Side of the Great Creek and upper side of Miles's Creek in Lunenburg

Ordered That the plaintiff have a patent for the said Land.

John Twitty having entered a Caveat against Abraham Martin for 400 Acres in Lunenburg, upon the three Forks of the Horsepen Creek of Little Roanoke; For Reasons appearing to the Board

Ordered That the plaintiff have a patent for the said Land

Abraham Peebles having entered a Caveat against Henry Tatum for 300 Acres joining on John Lightfoot, and James Speed in Brunswick.

Ordered That the plaintiff have a patent for the said Land.

Caleb Ellis having entered a Caveat against Josiah Barker for 300 Acres in Surry,

Ordered That no patent issue to either, a Suit at Law being depending about the same in Surry Court

Richard Phillips having entered a Caveat against Isaac Coles an Infant for 800 Acres in Louisa on the Heads of Cross Creek joining to the Lands of John Coles, for Reasons appearing to the Board,

Ordered That the plaintiff have a patent for the said Land.

Thomas Williamson having entered a Caveat against Philip Pledger for 400 Acres, or any Quantity on the Middle Fork of Maherin called the Robinson, joining a former Survey of the said Williamson, for Reasons appearing to the Board, it is

Ordered That the plaintiff have a patent for the said Land.

At a Council held June 12th 1753 [*i. e.* 1752].

Present
The Governor

John Blair	Thomas Nelson
William Nelson Esqrs	Philip Grymes
William Dawson D D.	Peter Randolph
John Lewis	Richard Corbin &

William Beverley Esqrs

Ordered

That a new Comission of the peace issue for Brunswick County, That Nathaniel Edwards be left out, and George Walton, James Hicks, and Edward Gutridge be reinstated, and Michael Wall added.

The following petitions for Land were read and granted.

To David Whitlock Leave to include in one patent Five hundred and thirty four Acres purchased by him of William Bacon, being two different Tracts already patented.

To Thomas Williams Leave to include in one patent, two Tracts of Land of Five Hundred and Thirty five Acres, already surveyed.

To George Walton 400 Acres, and Leave to include One Thousand Two Hundred and Forty purchased by him of Hawkins and two hundred and eighty one purchased of Rowlet with Four Hundred and Thirty already survey'd on Maherin River in Lunenburg and to have an inclusive patent for the whole.

To Thomas Williamson Six Thousand Acres in Lunenburgh on both Sides of the Middle Fork of Maherin called the Robertson including Eight hundred Acres already surveyed in two distinct Surveys and four Hundred caveated against and recovered from Philip Pledger begining at the upper Line of the said Eight hundred Acres and runing up for Complement.

To Charles Hunt Four Thousand Acres in Hallifax County begining at the Foot of the Blue Ridge on Walton's and Woodson's Lines when run on the Head of Linvel's Creek, thence down the said Linvel's Creek and it's Branches to include Eight Entries made by the petitioner; But if the said Order of Walton's and Woodson's is not run out, or any part thereof, then to begin on Linvels Creek about half a Mile above Marley's Cabbin, thence down the said Creek and it's Branches to include the Eight Entries as abovesaid.

On the Motion of Mr Jones it is ordered, that Twenty Four Entries survey'd by Terry, late Assistant to Peter Fountain for Edmund Gray, James Gray, James Power, Benjamin Hubbard, Philip Aylett, John Ruffin, and Benjamin Cock; two Entries in the Name of James Gray; and one other Entry in the Names of James and Edmund Gray, all in Hallifax County, be held null and void,

and that the Surveyor of the said County do receive Entries for any of the said Lands of any person, who shall make legal Entries of the same.

Stephen Evans having entered a Caveat against James Murray for 4980 Acres in Lunenburg on the Branches of Blew Stone, for Reasons appearing to the Board, it is ordered that the plt have a patent for 400 Acres, and that the Defendant have the Residue.

Hugh Miller having entered a Caveat against John McDaniel for 725 Acres on both Sides of Mountain Creek, joining his own Line in Lunenburg, the plaintiff appearing, and the Defendant having been summoned and not appearing,

Ordered That the plaintiff have a patent for the said Land.

William Poole having entered a Caveat against Hosea Tapley for 400 Acres in Lunenburg on Flat Creek formerly survey'd for Adam Tapley, the plaintif appearing, and the Defendant having been summoned and not appearing

Ordered That the Plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

Samuel Carr having entered a Caveat against Matthew Gataspy and John Carr for 244 Acres or thereabouts in Augusta joining the said John Carr, Thomas and David Stephenson, for Reasons appearing to the Board

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

Gideon Massey having entered a Caveat against William Woodson for 400 Acres in Cumberland, on the North Side of Willis's on the Branches of Randolph's Creeks, for Reasons appearing to the Board,

Ordered That the plaintiff have a patent for the said Land.

Stephen Arnold having entered a Caveat against Isaac Taylor, for 300 Acres or thereabouts in Augusta on the Forks of James River on Buffalo Creek.

Ordered That the Plaintiff have a patent for the said Land.

Daniel Henderson having entered a Caveat against John Smith for One Hundred and sixty five Acres in Augusta upon Beaver Creek, on each Side

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

At a Council held June 13th 1752.

Present
The Governor

John Blair	Thomas Nelson
William Nelson Esqrs	Philip Grymes
William Dawson D D.	Richard Corbin
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell &

William Beverley Esqrs

The Governor acquainting the Council that he had been informed several Comedians were lately arrived, and others daily expected, and desiring their Advice, whether he should grant them a permission to act Plays.

It was the Advice of the Board that his Honour would not permit or suffer them to act or exhibit any plays or theatrical Entertainment in this Government.

The following Petitions for Land were granted.

To Richard Bland Leave to include in one patent 1770 Acres in Lunenburg now Hallifax surveyed in three Surveys for Henry Embry and William Wynne, and purchased by the Petitioner.

To Daniel Handerson Leave to include in one patent, Three Tracts of Land containing in each Survey as follows, Two Hundred an Sixty, Two Hundred and Fifty and One hundred and sixty five Acres in Augusta, upon Beaver Creek on each Side, which said One Hundred and sixty five Acres is the Land he caveated against and recovered from John Smith.

To John Twitty Leave to join 1404 Acres already patented with a small Quantity he purchased of William Stowe, and about 1,600 Acres surveyed round the same, and about 1,400 surveyed at the Great Meadow, on both Sides of the South Fork of Maherin River in Lunenburg, and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole, being about Four Thousand Five Hundred Acres

Tully Choice having entered a Caveat against William Johnson for Four Hundred Acres in Louisa at the Great Mountains, for Reasons appearing to the Board.

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

David Hunter having entered a Caveat against Thomas Barker and Simon Stacy for Two Hundred Acres in Surry joining Joell

Barker and the said Stacy's Line, for Reasons appearing to the Board

Ordered That the plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

Bryant Lester having entered a Caveat against Charles Irby and Charles Roberts for Four Hundred Acres on Juniper Creek in Lunenburgh

Ordered That the said Caveat be dismist, the Defendants paying Costs.

Daniel Harrison having entered a Caveat against George Bowman for three Tracts of Land, Viz; One, of One Hundred Acres, one of Two Hundred, and the other of Two Hundred, all joining in Augusta, for Reasons appearing to the Board,

Ordered That the plaintif have a Patent for the said Land

Burnell Claiborne having entered a Caveat against Edmund Poythress for Four Hundred Acres lying on Nottoway River in Lunenburg, for Reasons appearing to the Board.

Ordered That Francis Poythress Son and Heir of Francis [*sic*] Poythress deceased have a patent for the said Land.

Sherwood Bugg having entered a Caveat against Elizabeth Clay or Richard Newman for Forty seven Acres more or less in Prince George on a Branch of Namazene Creek

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

Richard Witton having entered a Caveat against James Cunningham for Three hundred and Thirty five Acres on the North and South Sides of Sandy Creek in Lunenburg, for Reasons appearing to the Board, it is

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Land

John Anderson having entered a Caveat against Nathaniel Williams for Eight Hundred Acres in Louisa on the Branches of Machomp and Bunch's Creek.

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Land

James Adams having entered a Caveat against Drury Parker for Thirty nine Acres or thereabouts joining to Blackwater Swamp and Abraham Evans's Line,

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

James Godfrey having entered a Caveat against William Godfrey for Five Hundred and Fifty Acres more or less in Norfolk upon hearing Council on both Sides

Ordered That no patent issue to the Defendant for the said Land.

David Steuart having entered a Caveat against Martha Arthur and Thomas Williams for Three hundred and nine Acres in Augusta in the Forks of James River, for Reasons appearing to the Board,

Ordered That the said Caveat be dismist, upon the Defendant's paying Costs.

James Pennington having entered a Caveat against William Dunman Son and Heir of Joseph Dunman for Four Hundred Acres on Evans's Creek in Lunenburg,

Ordered That the plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

Hugh Miller having entered a Caveat against John McDaniel for Seven hundred and twenty five Acres in Lunenburg on both Sides of Mountain Creek

Ordered That the plaintiff have a Patent for the said Land.

Richard Tomson having entered a Caveat against Benjamin Hawkins for Three Thousand Acres lying on Juniper Creek in Lunenburg, upon hearing Council on both Sides, it is

Ordered That the said Caveat be dismist the Defend^t paying Costs

John Twitty having entered a Caveat against Stephen Evans for Four Hundred Acres in Lunenburg, lying on the North Side of Finny Wood Creek, upon hearing Council on both Sides it is

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for One hundred and Eighty Acres, part of the said Four Hundred, and that the Defendant have the Residue.

John Wilson having entered a Caveat against William Williams for Three Hundred and Eighty eight Acres more or less in Augusta, on the Branches of the South River of Sherando called Mill Creek, for Reasons appearing to the Board

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

Charles Irby having entered a Caveat against Tabitha Campbell Administratrix of Walter Campbell deceased, Richard Witton, and Hugh Miller, for Four Thousand Six Hundred Acres on both Sides of pig River, and Brown's Creek in Lunenburg for Reasons appearing to the Board,

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

John Burton having entered a Caveat against John Branch for Two Hundred Acres lying on the South Side of James River in Chesterfield, for Reasons appearing to the Board,

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

John Macklin having entered a Caveat against Thomas Smith or any other person for One Hundred Acres in Lunenburg joining on one other Hundred Acres of the said Smith on the South Side of Roanoke River, for Reasons appearing to the Board

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

Henry Hatcher having entered a Caveat against Charles Weatherfoot for Eight Hundred Acres in Lunenburg upon Leighton's Creek

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

Henry Hatcher having entered a Caveat against Charles Weatherfoot for One Thousand Nine Hundred Acres in Lunenburg lying on the Branches of the North Side of Maherin joining the Lands of Nicholas Hopson,

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

James Patton having entered a Caveat against Henry Downes sen^r for Four Hundred Acres on the Catawba Creek, and Two Hundred and Fifty on Wood's River in Augusta, for Reasons appearing to the Board

Ordered That the plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

Anthony Thomas and Charles Lawson having entered a Caveat against Simon Whitehurst for Fifty Acres on Currituck Inlet in Princess Ann adjoining the Lands of the petitioners

Ordered that the said Caveat be continued on the plaintifs paying Costs.

At a Council held October 17th 1752.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson	Richard Corbin
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell &

William Beverley Esq^rs

This Day appeared the Revd Mr Alexander Craghed to answer a Complaint made against him in June Last, who having been examined and producing a Testimonial of his present Loyalty Fidility

and good Behaviour, under the Hands of the Revd Mr Robert Cross, and the Revd Mr Francis Allison at Philadelphia and a Certificate from the Governor of Pensylvania under his Hand and the Seal of that Province that entire Faith and Credit may be given to their Testimony, it is the Opinion of the Board, and accordingly

Ordered That the said Alexander Creaghed be permitted to preach, upon fully recanting his disloyal Principles, and the Doctrines contained in the Book delivered to the Governor, and taking the Oaths to the Government openly in the General Court.

Ordered That the General Assembly be further prorogued to the third Thursday in April next, and that a proclamation[151] do forthwith issue for that purpose.

At a Council held October 26th 1752.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
William Nelson	Philip Grymes &
John Lewis	William Beverley Esq^{rs}

The Governor communicated a Letter from a Nation of Indians called the Twightees dated June 21st 1752 requesting Assistance from this Government to defend themselves against their Enemies, which being read, was ordered to be registred.

At a Council held November 2^{d} 1752

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Richard Corbin
William Nelson	Philip Ludwell &
John Lewis	William Beverley Esq^{rs}

This Day was read the Treaty concluded at Logg's Town on the Behalf of this Colony with the Six united Nations of Indians.

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[151]See pp. 498-499.

Ordered That the said Treaty be registred.

The Accounts of Expences and Disbursements attending the said Treaty were produced to the Board by the Commissioners

Ordered That the said Accounts be referred to Mr Auditor for his Examination.

The Council taking under Consideration the Commission of the peace for the County of Stafford, in which the Revd Mr John Moncure was appointed a Justice, it being the Opinion of the Board that every Clergyman has enough to do, to discharge his Duty as a Minister without engaging himself in Civil Affairs

Ordered That a new Commission issue for Stafford and that the said Mr Moncure be left out of it.

Ordered That a new Commission of the peace issue for Nansemond; That William Baker be placed first, David Mead second, That Miles Riddick be left out, and James Riddick added and placed last.

Ordered That a new Commission of the peace issue for Orange, and that Thomas Chew be reinstated and put at the Head of the Commission

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted

To the Revd George Samuel Klug, Michael Thomas, Nicholas Knot, Jacob Burner, Henry Bochman, Abraham Mayer, Stephen Suel, Abraham Brown, Adam Wayland, Adam Broil, Adam Barler, Henry Ailer, Matthew Smith, Nicholas Smith, Michael Russell, John Ralchbach, John Barler, and Paul Ledderer, Leave is granted them to take up and survey Thirty Thousand Acres of Land, lying between Green Briars to the South and Youghyoughganie to the North, bearing the Name of Mannangelie upon a River called Goose-River, beginning at a Run known by the Name of Muddy Run up the River upon a white Walnut Tree marked M. T. provided it does not interfere with any prior Grant, and four Years Time is allowed them, to survey and pay Rights upon Return of the plans to the Secretary's Office.

To Henry and Abraham Taley Six Thousand Acres in Hallifax and Lunenburg lying upon Aaron's Creek, begining at a Rock called the Mill place and runing up both Sides of the Creek.

To John Lee Six Hundred Acres in Albemarle on the South Side of James River on a North Fork of Slate River called David's Creek, including Two Hundred Acres already surveyed and to have an inclusive patent for the whole.

To William Cabbell jun^r^ Three Thousand Acres on the Branches of Huff's the Beaver Pond and Puppy's Creeks including One hundred

and Fifty Acres already patented and several Entries made with the Surveyor of Albemarle.

To William Cabbell One Thousand Two Hundred Acres on the Side of Slate River Mountain on the Branch of David's Creek, including Eight Hundred Acres already entered with the Surveyor of Albemarle.

To Joseph Terry, Joseph Ironmonger, and James Terry all the vacant Lands between Banister River, Sandy, polecat and Miry Creeks, in Hallifax not exceeding Twenty Thousand Acres.

To Robert Liverrett all the vacant Land on the Head of the little Creek of Flat Rock and Head Branches of Croocked Run Creek, between the Lines of Abraham Cock, Israel Brown, John Blackwell and the petitioner.

To John Anthony Three Thousand Acres on the Head of Ivy Creek of Blackwater in Albemarle.

At a Council held November 4th 1752.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson	Peter Randolph
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell &

William Beverley Esqrs

The Governor communicated to the Board a Letter from the Governor of New York, with a Paragraph of a Letter from Col Johnson, signifying that the Cognawagee Indians with some French were gone to War against the Catawbas, and at the same Time a Letter that he had prepared in Consequence thereof to the Catawbas, to inform them thereof, which being read and approved was ordered to be registred.

The Auditor reporting that he had examined the Accounts of Expences attending the late Treaty at Logg's Town, referred to him, and found them truly stated, the said Account was allowed by the Board.

The Governor desiring the Opinion of the Board what would be a sufficient Recompence to the Commissioners, and the Gentlemen who were Assistants to them at the Treaty; It was the Opinion of the Board, that One Hundred and twenty five pounds Current Money to

each of the Comissioners would be a sufficient Reward, and a Gratuity of Sixty two pounds, ten shillings to Mr Trent, Fifty pounds to Mr Muntour, and Fifty pounds to Mr Gist, and the said Sums were accordingly ordered to be paid by the Receiver.

The Accounts of Contingent Charges from the 25th of April 1752, to the 25th of October 1752, and for Repairs to the Governor's House being laid before the Board were allowed.

At a Council held November 6th 1752.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Peter Randolph
William Nelson	Philip Ludwell &
Thomas Nelson	William Beverley Esqrs

The Governor proposing to add Fifty pounds to what has been already given to Mr Muntour in Consideration of his Services done, and to go on a Message to the Council of Onondago, to invite some of the Six Nations to meet on the full Moon in May next to receive a present at Winchester, also an annual Salary of Twenty five pounds a Year to secure his Attachment to the Interest of this Government, the same was approved by the Council and accordingly ordered.

Present

John Blair and Philip Grymes Esqrs

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of 2/ per Hogshead Port Duties &c were signed by the Governor in Council

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For half a Year's Salary to the Governor.....	£1000..	—..	—
For Do to the Council.....	300..	—..	—
To the Judges & others of the Court of Oyer & Terminer	100..	—..	—
For half a Year's Salary to the Auditor.....	50..	—..	—
For Do to the Sollicitor of Virginia Affairs.....	50..	—..	—
For Do to the Attorney General.....	35..	—..	—

For D° to the Clerk of the Council.....	50..—..—
For D° to George Muse Gent Deputy Adjutant...	75..—..—
For D° to the Armourer.....	6..—..—
For D° to the Gunners of the Batteries.....	18..10..—
To the Ministers attending one General Court....	8..—..—
For Repairs to the Governor's House.....	818.. 8..10
For Contingent Charges.....	792..18.. 6

On the Revenue of Quit Rents

To the Commissary to the Time of his Death.....	25..—..—
To the Attorney General.....	35..—..—
To Mr Prentis for Expences in extending the dividing Line between this Colony and Carolina	373.. 3.. 1
To Mr Fry Commissioner.....	300..—..—
To Mr Jefferson for the same Service.....	300..—..—

The Accounts of his Majesty's Revenue of 2/ per Hhd Port Duties &c from the 25th of April 1752 to the 25th of October 1752 being examined by the Deputy Auditor, and made Oath to by the Receiver General, were certified by the Governor as usual.

The following present was ordered for the Six Nations, Viz. Twenty Barrels of powder, 40 Hh^d of Lead, 100 Small Arms and Bayonets, [...][152] Vermilion, 5000 Flints; Three Peices of black and white Duffels for Match Coats.

The Board upon the Death of Lawrence Washington Esqr late Adjutant, taking under Consideration, the great Advantage of an Adjutant to this Country, in instructing the Officers and Soldiers in the Use and Exercise of their Arms in bringing the Militia to a more regular Discipline, and fitting it for Service, besides polishing and improving the meaner people, and finding by Experience the Insufficiency of one, fully to discharge a Business of so much Importance, it was proposed and agreed to divide the Colony into four Districts, and the following Gentlemen were nominated and approved of, with the Allowance of a Salary of One hundred pounds per Annum to each, Viz,

Thomas Bentley, for the Frontier District containing the Counties of Frederick, Augusta, Hallifax, Lunenburg, and Albemarle.

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William Fitzhugh for the No[r]thern Neck and Easter[n] Shore containing the Counties of Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, Westmoreland, King George, Stafford, Prince William, Fairfax, Culpeper, Accomack, and Northampton.

George Muse for the Middle Neck, including the Counties of Elizabeth City, Warwick, York, James City, New Kent, Hanover, Louisa, Goochland, Henrico, Charles City, Gloucester, Middlesex, Essex, King and Queen, King William, Caroline, Spotsylvania, and Orange.

George Washington, for the Southern District which takes in the remaining Counties, Princess Anne, Norfolk, Nansemond, Isle of Wight, Southampton, Surry, Brunswick, Prince George, Dinwiddie, Chesterfield, Amelia, Cumberland.

At a Council held November 11th 1752.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson	Philip Ludwell &

William Beverley Esqrs

The Governor acquainting the Board that the Emperor of the Cherokees, his Empress, Son, two Generals, and other Attendants, waited on him the 9th of this Instant, and told him they had come through many Briers, Thickets, and great Waters to see him; that he welcom'd them, and promised they should be entertained with great Civility during their Residence in this City, and desired to hear what induced them to take so long and fatiguing a Journey; That thereupon the Emperor by his Interpreter made a Speech as follows,

Brother,

I and my Nation are desirous of cultivating a Trade and Friendship with this Government. The Governor of South Carolina has slighted and neglected us, and has put a Stop to the Traders bringing us a Supply of Goods, so that we are in great Want of all Sorts of Necessaries. The Governor has encouraged and supply'd the Nation of Indians called Creeks, who have been at War with our Nation of Cherokees these three Years past; The Creeks have given great Encouragement to the French, who have actually built a Fort among them,

which the Governor of Carolina was very sensible of, and he knows the Attachment of our Nation has always been strong to the English, as we have a strong Inveteracy and Resentment against the French. We therefore desire you will order your Traders to supply us with Goods, and we will take Care they shall have proper Encouragement and Protection.

After which he produced Articles of Peace and Commerce (sent to his Father) signed in London by the Secretary, Board of Trade &c.

That to this Speech he replyed.

Brother, Ammoscossity of Great Tellico.

I am very glad to see you, your Empress, Son and Attendants, and shall be always ready to shew all imaginable Regard to any of the Indian Nations that are in Amity with the English, and that acknowledge his Majesty the King of Great Britain, to be their Father, Lord, and Protector.

As to the Complaint against the Governor of South Carolina, I can say nothing to it, till I hear from him, but am sorry any Misunderstanding should subsist between you, and shall be glad if I can be an Instrument to reconcile any such Differences. As South Carolina is more contiguous to your Nation, and your Wants may be more regularly and sooner supply'd from thence, than this Dominion, I recommend you to encourage their Traders to furnish you. In Respect to the Traders here, I have no power to oblige them to go to any particular Nation of Indians to trade, but will let them know the protection you are pleased to promise them. During the Time you shall remain here, I have given Orders to entertain You, your Family and Attendants with all Necessaries.

That after drinking some Wine, they all returned to the House appointed to receive them.

Which being approved of by the Board, a Motion was made and agreed to, that the Emperor might be desired to attend in Council in order to answer the principal Particulars charged by Governor Glen upon the Cherokees, who were here in August 1751. The Emperor was accordingly sent for, and soon appearing, was received into the Council Chamber, and took his Seat in a Chair placed for him. He was presently made acquainted with the Substance of Governor Glen's Letter dated September 18th 1751.

He was first interrogated upon the Accusation against the person whom the Governor of Carolina said was known among them by the Name of the Little Carpenter. The Emperor answered that he

had never heard of any Crime committed by that person to draw upon him the Governor's Displeasure; That he was altogether ignorant of his having been concerned in the breaking open any Store; That he had never promised to deliver him up to the Governor; That he was one of his chief Warriors, and actually sent by him to procure a Trade between this Colony and the Cherokees.

He was then asked, what he knew of the Murder complained of.

To this he made Answer, that a party of his people from a remote Settlement, with some No[r]thern Indians, did attack a House upon the Creek path, wherein were some Creeks and white people, that the white Men were called to to [*sic*] come out, and several did, but one remaining within, was accidentally killed, for which they excused themselves to the Governor of Carolina last Fall, who forgave it. He said the Governor should have writ of his own Actions; How he had supply'd the Enemies of the English with Ammunition, and how the Creeks had suffered the French to build a Fort among them.

The Emperor being desired to signify what Necessaries they had Occasion for, and what Present would be acceptable, and told that what was given them must not encourage any Difference with the people of Carolina, with whom we live as Children of the same Father, and as in one House; reply'd, that he considered us in that Light, and only requested some Clothes proper for people in their Station, and Ammunition; Being informed, that a handsome Suit of Clothes for himself, his Empress and Son should be got ready, as soon as possible, with proper Cloathing for his people, and also some Arms and Ammunition to defend themselves against their Enemies, he returned Acknowledgements for the Civilities, and kind Reception he had met with and withdrew.

Ordered That the Receiver General pay Mr Watts, one of the Interpreters for the Cherokees Twenty five Pounds, and Mr Erwin Patterson the other Interpreter Fifteen pounds besides their Expences in coming hither

Mr Patterson was directed to accompany the Emperor back to his Territories, and bear the Expences with the promise of being repaid.

Ordered That the Receiver General pay Thomas Calhoun Six pounds nineteen shillings for Damages done him by the Norward Indians.

The Governor communicated to the Board a Letter from the Governor of New York dated 22^{d} May 1752 with a Copy of an Order of Council of that Government, purporting that in all Treaties with

the Six Nations of Indians it was expected previous Notice should be given to the Governor of New York, and that Albany was esteemed the properest place for holding any such Treaty.

Upon which, it was the Advice of the Board, that his Honour would be pleased to return for Answer, that Experience had convinced us of the Inconvenience and extraordinary Charge of making Treaties or sending presents out of this Government, that we had fallen upon a more adviseable, and less expensive Method, and that due Attention should always be paid to his Majesty's Service, and the Interests of the neighbouring Provinces.

William Fairfax Esqr moved that a Letter might be prepared to the Lords of the Admiralty signifying our Approbation of Capt Whitwell's Conduct during his Station here, which was agreed to.

At a Council held December 13th 1752

Present
The Governor

John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson	Richard Corbin
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell &
Thomas Nelson	William Beverley Esq^{rs}

The Governor communicated to the Board a Letter from Mr Anthony Strother dated 6th December 1752 praying an additional Consideration for his Trouble relating to his Care of the Indians, upon which it was the Opinion of the Board that he had already received an adeqate Recompence for his Trouble in that Business.

Ordered that the Receiver General pay Mr Christopher Gist Twenty pounds for his Journey to the Twightees; And the Sum of £20..14..9 (s d) to Mr Thomas Cresap as a further Allowance for his Expences, and £4..1..10 (sh d) to Mr William Trent for his Expences in Williamsburgh

The Governor was pleased to communicate to the Board, a Letter from the Bishop of London dated 21st September 1752 to the Revd Mr Thomas Dawson, directing and impowering him to act as Commissary.

The Board taking under Consideration the great Misfortune James Yates incurr'd by the Loss of his Right Arm in firing the Guns on his Majesty's Birth-Night, were of Opinion, and it was accordingly re-

solved, that a Salary of Fifteen pounds per Annum should be allowed him payable half yearly to himself for his Subsistence.

Ordered That a new Comission of the peace issue for Nancemond, and that William Moore and Daniel Pugh Gent be replaced.

Ordered That a new Commission of the peace issue for King William and that Dr Campbell be put in his former place.

Ordered That Samuel Oldham and Augustine Washington be appointed Coroners for Westmoreland, Oldham for the parish of Cople, and Washington for the parish of Washington.

The Governor communicated to the Board a Letter from the Cattaba Nation dated the 24th of November last wherein they return their hearty Thanks to his Honour for the timely Notice they received of the Designs of the French Indians, and signify that there is a lasting peace made between them and the Six Nations

Ordered That the Receiver General pay Mr Henry Morris Thirty pounds for his Journey to the Cattabas.

Ordered That Jacob Walker Gent be permitted and impower'd to agree with Mr White, for his living in the Dwelling House at the Fort at Hampton, the said White to repair the said House at his own Expence, and in Consideration thereof to be free from the payment of any Rent for the space of Four Years; provided if the Governor and Council shall at any Time hereafter disagree to his continuing in the House during that Time, he shall oblige himself to quit it, being allowed an adequate proportion towards his Disbursements in the Repairs.

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted.

To Richard Cocke Two Thousand Acres lying between the Branches of upper Chipoaks Creek and the Otterdam Swamp and joining to the Land whereon Benjamins Harrison's Store was kept in Surry.

To Charles Clay all the Waste Land lying within the Lines of William Gent, William Carley, John and William Akills on Myry Creek in Hallifax joining on Richard Akills and Macklin's Lines not exceeding three thousand Acres

To Timothy Rives Leave to include all his old patented Land beginning at Thomas Carter's Line, and all the Waste Land to Burwell Browns, Moses Rives's, and Thomas Jeffrey's Lines in One Patent.

To William Cabbell Leave to include several Entries made with the Surveyor of Albemarle amounting to 1350 Acres lying on Rucker's and Joe's Creek.

At a Council held April 11th 1753.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Peter Randolph
John Blair	Richard Corbin
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell &
Philip Grymes	William Beverley Esqrs

The Governor communicated to the Board a Letter from the Lords of Trade dated November 29th 1752 relating to the Al[t]erations proposed by his Honour to be made in his Majesty's Instructions, to the Governor of Virginia; also, the Reasons of the Lords of Trade to his Majesty upon the revised Laws passed in the Years 1748, and 1749, with the Report of the Commissioners of Customs on the Tobacco Law referred to them.

Present

William and Thomas Nelson Esqrs

Ordered That the General Assembly be further prorogued to the second Thursday in July, and that a proclamation forthwith issue for that Purpose.

At a Council held April 12th 1753.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson	Peter Randolph
John Lewis	Richard Corbin &

William Beverley Esqrs

The Governor was pleased to communicate to the Board a Letter from Mr Thomas Cresap and Mr William Trent confirming a Report of one Dennis Reardon and his Man being killed by the French or their Indians, and that part of the Twigtees are gone back to the French for Want of powder and Lead; Also a Letter from Colo James Patton signifying that the Difference between the Emperor of the Cherokees

and Samuel Stamaker was adjusted; and that the Northern Indians had ordered our people to go off their Settlements on Wood's River; with his Honour's Answer thereto, purporting that he hoped these Speeches were only from stragling Indians, without any Orders from their Cheifs; In Case they should prove true, required him in a friendly Manner to persuade them of the Injustice of their Orders, and at Winchester in May next, the Affair should be enquired into.

At a Council held April 16th 1753

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Philip Grymes
John Blair	Peter Randolph
William Nelson	Richard Corbin
Thomas Nelson	Philip Ludwell &

William Beverley Esqrs

Upon reading this Day a Remonstrance of three of the Justices of Stafford County against John Mercer Gent, Judge of the said Court for Misbehaviour as a Justice

Ordered That a Copy of the said Remonstrance be given to Mr Mercer, and that Notice be given to the parties to attend the Governor in Council on Wednesday immediately following the Court of Oyer and Terminer in June, and that a Dedimus be allowed to the Justices of King George or any neighbouring County to examine such Witnesses as are incapable to travel to Williamsburg.

At a Council held April 21st 1753.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Philip Grymes
John Blair	Peter Randolph
William Nelson	Richard Corbin
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell &
Thomas Nelson	William Beverley Esqrs

The Board this Day taking under Consideration what would be the most commodious and least expensive Conveyance of the

Present resolved on last November to be made and delivered to to [*sic*] the Six Nations at Winchester in May next, were of Opinion, and it was accordingly ordered that a Vessel be hired to transport the same to Falmouth, and it was proposed to William Fairfax Esqr to take upon himself the Trouble to see the present properly delivered at Winchester, which he was pleased readily to comply with.

The Governor communicated to the Board a Letter from Mr Cresap and Mr Trent informing of great Abuses of the Indians on the Ohio, intimating it was doubtful whether they would appear at the Treaty at Winchester, and desiring his Honour to have Philip Philips a Dutchman apprehended. Which Letter was referred to William Fairfax, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, and William Beverley Esq^{rs} to answer.

At a Council held April 23^{d} 1753.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Philip Grymes
John Blair	Peter Randolph
William Nelson	Richard Corbin
Thomas Nelson	Philip Ludwell &

William Beverley Esq^{rs}

William Fairfax Esqr reported that the Gentlemen appointed, had according to Order drawn up an Answer to the Letter from Cresap and Trent, which was read and approved, and in Substance as follows, Viz, That we don't think the Irregularities complained of against the Indians to be so threatning as they apprehend them; that they appear to have arisen from private Differences among the Indians and some Traders whom we suppose to be duly licenced, and think ought to apply to the Government from whence they had their Licences, and that those who have our Licence will not want our protection. That they seem to mistake our purpose in sending for the Indians to Winchester; it is not to hold a Treaty, but to deliver to them a present of Arms and Ammunition which we found they wanted. In Respect to the Dutchman, that, as the Charge against him amounts to a Felony, the Information against him should be upon Oath, on which if we can get him apprehended, it will be necessary for Mr Cresap to appear with his proofs to

prosecute him at Williamsburg. Advising them to speak with Caution what they think on a Rupture between Us and the Indians, and to avoid giving just Occasion for such Event, as our Interest may perhaps, be more effectually secured by lenient Methods, than by violent Measures.

At a Council held April 24th 1753

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Philip Grymes
John Blair	Peter Randolph
William Nelson	Richard Corbin
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell &
Thomas Nelson	William Beverley Esqrs

The Governor desired the Advice of the Board on a petition of several protestant Dissenters of the presbyterian Denomination, demanding a Certificate to be recorded of their intending to make Use of a place on the Land of Edmond Bacon in the County of New Kent and parish of St Peter's as a place of public Worship; On due Consideration whereof, it was the Opinion of the Board, that there should be no more Meeting Houses than pastors, and that no Meeting House ought to be allowed and licenced, 'till it was provided with a Minister qualified according to Law to preach and officiate, and the said petition was accordingly rejected.

At a Council held April 28th 1753.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Philip Grymes
John Lewis	Peter Randolph &

William Beverley Esqrs

The Governor communicated to the Board a Letter from the Lords of Trade dated January 17th 1753 containing the following paragraph; "We have considered what You write concerning your taking a

Fee on sealing and signing every patent for Land granted; We find that the Governors of other his Majesty's Provinces do take a Fee on the like Occasion, and as a pistole appears to Us to be a reasonable Charge, We have no Objection to your taking that Fee according to the Advice of your Council."

Present

William Nelson, Richard Corbin, and Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}

Upon reading and considering a petition of several of the Inhabitants of Dinwiddie County, for a Removal of the Court House of the said County to petersburgh, and a Remonstrance against it,

It is the Opinion of the Board and accordingly ordered, that the Court House of the said County be established on the Land of Anthony Haynes, as the most commodious place, it appearing according to a plan of the said County laid before the Board, to be centrical.

At a Council held May 1st 1753.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Philip Grymes
John Blair	Richard Corbin
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell &
Thomas Nelson	William Beverley Esq^{rs}

Ordered That a new Commission of the peace issue for the following Counties, Viz,

Frederick

William Trent, and John Funk to be added.

King William,

Benjamin Hubbard, Nathaniel Burwell, Thomas Moore, and Stephen Bingham to be reinstated in their places.

Lancaster,

George Conway and Richard Selden to be added.

Prince William,

That John Crump, and Wharton Ransdal be added, and that Joseph Blackwell left out.

Caroline

That John Sutton and Francis Taylor be added, and that the nine first of the Commission be of the Quorum.

Dinwiddie

That Robert Bolling, and Charles Poythress be added.

Hallifax,

That Nicholas Hayle, Robert Jones, and James Irwin be added

Amelia

That Edward Booker be added.

His Majestys Letter and Sign Manual dated the 19th Day of January 1753, appointing Thomas Dawson Clerk, One of His Majesty's Council of State for this Colony having been read, he accordingly upon taking the Oaths to the Government, and the Oath of Office was admitted to his place at the Board.

Present

Thomas Dawson Clerk

On the Petition of Francis Farley, Edward Hack Moseley, Robert Tucker, Francis Miller Gent and Company Leave is granted them to take up and survey the large Tract of Waste Land lying in the Counties of Norfolk and Nancemond bounded to the Southward on Carolina and commonly known by the Name of Dismal Swamp. And for as much as the said Land is extreemly miry and swampy, and at present altogether useless, and from the Nature and Situation of it, must require great Labour and Expence to cultivate and improve it in such a Manner as to be beneficial to them, they, and those claiming under them, are exempted from the paiment of any Rights; and seven Years Time is allowed them, to survey and patent the said Lands, On Condi-

tion that they first give legal Notice to the Proprietors of the contiguous high Lands, and that the said Proprietors shall not obtain Rights, and sue forth patents, for the same within one Year from the Time of such Notice given.

At a Council held May 4th 1753

Present
The Governor

John Blair	Peter Randolph
William Nelson	Richard Corbin
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell
Thomas Nelson	William Beverley Esqrs &
Philip Grymes	Thomas Dawson Clerk.

The Accounts of Contingent Charges from the 25th of October 1752, to the 25th of April 1753, and for Repairs to the Governor's House being laid before the Board were allowed.

The following petitions for Land were read and granted

To Richard Pickering, James Grantland, Nicholas Loyd, Richard Dobson, and John Cooper Twenty Thousand Acres in Albemarle and Augusta, begining in Albemarle County at the North Branch of Tye River, and runing up the same over the Blue Ledge near to Col Beverley's Land in Augusta near a West Course, and then near a South Course, near to the Main of James River, then down the said River near an East Course, over the Blue Ledge, and then near a North Course to the Begining.

To William Wynne Two Thousand Acres, joining the Lines of his surveyed Land on Dan River begining at a Branch below the old Indian Fort runing up Rutlidge's Creek, and back of John Boyd's Line.

To the same, Leave to take up the vacant Land between the Lines of his old Land on the North Side of Banister River, Embry's, Wall's, Macklin's, and Powel's Lines containing Two Thousand Acres.

To Richard Brown, Leave to include several surveys made and purchased by him on the Branches of Difficult and Wynne's Creeks, not exceeding Four Thousand Acres.

To Thomas Walker Three Thousand Acres begining at a White Oak near Muddy Run adjoining the Petitioner's Line, and extending up the Run, and Muddy Creek for Complement.

To William Womack jun^r One Thousand Two Hundred Acres in Hallifax on both Sides of Lick Branch, begining at Caldwell's Line on the South Side of Sandy Creek.

To William Goode, Leave to include Three Surveys purchased of Zachariah Ashworth, Isaac Ashworth, and Francis Lynsy, with a former Order of Council granted to Rep's Orsborn[?][153] for Five Thousand Acres on the Branches of Roanoak, and to have an inclusive patent for the whole.

To William Cabell, One Thousand two Hundred Acres on the Branches of Walton's Fork and Sycamore Island Creek including some Entries already made with the Surveyor of Albemarle

To Thomas Callaway and Henry Lansford Leave to include their surveyed Lands on the South Fork of Sandy River and several Entries joining the said Lands on the South Fork and other Branches of Sandy River amounting to Eight Thousand Acres.

To Henry Brown Eight Hundred Acres being all the Waste Land between his old Line, his Tract bought of Henry Clark, and Coll Sym's Mill Tract.

To John Irby Two Thousand Acres including his patented Land, and all the Waste Land between Edward Barrow's Thomas Cowper's, William Gilbert's, and the Land whereon Peter Hood lives.

To Charles Irby, John Hall, William Fitzgerrald, and John Mead, Eight Thousand Acres on the North Side of Goose Creek, including the Branches of Difficult, and the Glady Branch, and One Thousand Two Hundred Acres already surveyed.

To John Cannon, John Fearn, and William Woodson all the Waste Lands between Beargarden Creek, and Hunt's Creek in Albemarle, and to include the same in a Patent with the Land John Fearn now lives on, and a Tract of Land of John Cannon's thereto adjoining.

To James Murray Leave to include in One patent the sev'ral Surveys made for him on Blew Stone Creek and the Branches thereof in Lunenburgh, also Four Hundred Acres surveyed in the Name of John Cargill, and Four Hundr[e]d and Fourteen Acres surveyed in the Name of Pinkethman Hawkins, the whole amounting to about Eight Thousand Acres.

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[153]The original spelling having been corrected, this name seems to be as above. *Cf.* entry in regard to grant in this name on p. 285.

At a Council held May 7th 1753.

Present
The Governor

John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson	Peter Randolph
John Lewis	Richard Corbin
Thomas Nelson	William Beverley Esqrs &

Thomas Dawson Clerk

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of 2/ per Hhd Port Duties &c were signed by the Governor in Council.

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For half a Year's Salary to the Governor	£1000	—	—
For Do to the Council	300	—	—
To the Judges and others of the Court of Oyer & Terminer	100	—	—
For half a Year's Salary to the Auditor	50	—	—
For Do to the Sollicitor of Virginia Affairs	50	—	—
For Do to the Attorney General	35	—	—
For Do to the Clerk of the Council	50	—	—
For Do to George Muse Adjutant	40	—	—
For Do to the Armourer	6	—	—
For Do to the Gunners of the Batteries	18	10	—
To the Ministers attending one General Court	10	—	—
For Repairs to the Governor's House	195	4	3
For Contingent Charges	554	15	1

On the Revenue of Quit Rents

To the Attorney General	35

The Accounts of His Majesty's Revenue of 2/ per Hogshead Port Duties &c from the 25th of October 1752 to the 25th of April 1753 being examined by the Deputy Auditor and made Oath to by the Receiver General were certified by the Governor as usual.

On the petition of Edmund Pendleton, it is ordered that his Name be inserted in the Grant to John Lewis Esqr Thomas Walker and others for Eight Hundred Thousand Acres of Land on the Waters of

the Missisippi, and that he have the Benefit of the said Grant in the same Manner as if he had been named therein at first, it appearing that his Name was omitted thro' some Mistake

At a Council held May 22d 1753.

Present
The Governor

John Blair	Thomas Nelson
William Nelson	Philip Grymes Esqrs &
John Lewis	Thomas Dawson Clerk

The Governor communicated to the Board a Letter from William Fairfax Esqr dated the 15th of May 1753 which he received by the Hands of Mr Andrew Montour signifying a Resolution formed by the Governor of Canada to extend the French Settlements on the Branches of Missisippi, and to prevent our Trade, and that a formidable Number of French and their Indians appearing on the Ohio had so alarmed the Six Nations that he doubts whether the Indians expected will venture to Winchester, and that if they should not he will take due Care of the Goods.

Mr Montour brought at the same Time an Answer from the Six Nations to his Honour's Message, wherein they promise to preserve the Covenant Chain bright and strong, and to oppose the Attempts of our Enemies, with two Belts of Wampum, which they desire may be returned at a future Meeting.

Whereupon it was the Advice of the Board, that his Honour would signify to Col Fairfax, that his Conduct is entirely approved of, and direct him to get all possible Information, relating to the Designs of the French and their Indians, also to procure and send a proper person to the General of the French Forces on the Ohio, to learn the Reason of his invading the Lands belonging to his Majesty of Great-Britain; Also that his Honour would by the Return of Mr Montour inform the Six Nations by a Letter under his Hand and the seal of the Colony, that we are well pleased with their Assurances of Fidelity, and that they may depend on our Support to enable them to repel our Common Enemies, and to advise them to keep their young Warriors at Home, for Fear of a Surprize.

The Governor likewise laid before the Board a Copy of a Letter from the Governor of New York, to Governor Hamilton purporting

he had received Intelligence of an Army of French and Indians discovered by some of our Indians near a place called Sweganehey below Cadaraqui, by a Letter from Col Johnson, (a Copy whereof came inclosed) desiring Governor Hamilton to forward the Advice to the Governors of Maryland, Virginia and Carolina, that the Indians in Friendship with Us may be apprized of it.

These Advices were accompanyed with a Letter from Governor Hamilton signifying the Necessity of giving our Allies some immediate Succour, with his Opinion that as soon as the Facts relating to these proceedings are duly proved, they should be transmitted to his Majesty's Ministers, that they may be able to form a true Judgment of the Conduct of the French and its Consequences. Also a paragraph of a Letter from Mr William West to the Governors of pensylvania in Confirmation of the above Report.

Which Letters having been duly considered, the Council advised the Governor to return for Answer that this Government will be ready to give all possible Assistance to the Six Nations, and that we rely on their joint Support; to send Copies of the Letters from the Governors to the Governor of Carolina, and dispatch a Messenger immediately to the Cherokees and Catawbas that they may be on their Guard against the Designs of the French, and the Indians in Friendship with them, and prepared to defeat any Schemes they may have against them.

Ordered that the Receiver General pay Mr Andrew Montour One Hundred and Twenty Five pounds for his Expences and Losses in going to and returning from the Six Nations.

At a Council held May 31st 1753.

Present
The Governor

John Blair — Thomas Nelson
William Nelson — Philip Ludwell Esq^rs^ &
Thomas Dawson Clerk.

The Governor was pleased to communicate to the Board a Letter from William Fairfax Esqr acquainting His Honour that none of the Indians would be at the intended Meeting at Winchester;

Also a Letter from Capt Trent giving an Account of an expected Invasion from the French, and representing the distress'd

Circumstances of the Six Nations, who without some speedy Assistance of Arms and Ammunition would fall into the Hands of the Enemy. Whereupon it is the Opinion of the Board that Col Fairfax be directed to deliver to Capt Trent the Arms and Ammunition in his possession, or such part of them as shall be thought necessary to be by him conveyed in the most careful Manner to the Indians."

At a Council held June 13th 1753

Present
The Governor

John Blair	Peter Randolph
William Nelson	Richard Corbin
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell &
Thomas Nelson	William Beverley Esqrs

Ordered That the General Assembly which stands prorogued to the second Thursday in July be further prorogued to the second Tuesday in November next, and that a Proclamation forthwith issue for that Purpose.

The following petitions for Land were read and granted

To Tully Choice, George Frazier and Peter Copeland Twenty Thousand Acres in Hallifax begining at a white Oak marked T C. and two blazed Dog Wood Trees standing upon a small Branch on the South Side of Snow Creek, thence runing North and South including all the Surplus Land on the Waters of Snow Creek and Branches of Pig River, and the Branches of Pye and Harping Creke and Strait Stone, and the Head Branches of Cherry Stone and Blackwater River.

To Hugh Moore One Thousand two Hundred Acres in Hallifax on both Sides of Burches Creek including Eight Hundred already surveyed for the said Moore.

To Benjamin Dixon Three Thousand Acres on Banister River and to include three Surveys already made in Hallifax

To David Haley Five Thousand Acres in Hallifax on Stinking River and it's Branches begining on Lightfoot's Line thence to take in the vacant Lands.

To George Morris and John Collier Four Thousand Acres in Hallifax on the Branches of Childray's Creek begining on Collier's Line, thence to include one Survey made for the said Morris

To John Blair jun^{r} and Company Leave to renew an Order of Council granted the 26th of April 1745 for Fifty Thousand Acres lying West of the Cow pasture or Green Brier River, and four years Time allowed them to survey after a Grant to Thomas Nelson Esqr and others for One Hundred Thousand Acres shall be surveyed which is nearly done.

To Nathaniel Terry Four Hundred Acres upon the Branches of John's Branch, Elkhorn and Sandy Creek, and to include the same in one patent with three Entries and Four Hundred Acres which he caveated against Joseph Terry lying on both Sides of John's Branch in Hallifax and to which Joseph Terry resigns his Right.

To John Irby Two Thousand Five Hundred Acres in Surry including the Land whereon he lives, and his Tract of 340 Acres granted to him the 20th of August 1747 and his Tract purchased of William Scot, and Joining the Lines of Edmund Barrow, John Bain, the Land whereon Peter Flood lives, William Brig's deceased, William Johnson deceased, Thomas Cowper and William Gilbert deceased.

To John Edmunds Four Thousand Acres in Surry including his Land whereon he lives, a Tract purchased of Edmund Ruffin and his Tract on the Wild Cat, and joining the Lines of Andrew Lester, Benjamin Ellis, David Hunter, Thomas Tomlinson, John Bain, Edmund Barrow, and John Irby.

On the petition of John Willis, John Macklin, William Macklin jun^{r} Henry Morris, William Twitty, Charles Lucas, Francis Willis, James Macklin, John Smith and Robert Throgmorton, Leave is granted them to take up One Hundred Thousand Acres in the Counties of Hallifax and Augusta begining at John Twittys and Major William Macklin's Lines at the supposed Head of the South Fork of Roanoke, runing from thence to a River known by the Name of Dan River, thence to the Head of New River supposed to be the Waters of Missisippi River, and Four Years Time is allowed them to survey and to pay Rights upon Return of the plans to the Secretary's Office, and the Surveyor of Hallifax is impowered to survey the same.

Ordered That a new Commission of the peace issue for Hanover, that Robert Page, Nathaniel West Dandridge, and John Boswell be

added, that the two first be of the Quorum, and that William Winston jun^r and Anthony Winston, not having qualified be left out.

Samuel Bush having entered a Caveat against Thomas Hunter for Sixty six Acres and two thirds in princess Anne, Upon hearing Council on both sides, it is ordered that the said Caveat be dismist, and that the Defendant have a patent for the said Land.

Thomas Lewis having entered a Caveat against William Watkins and John Bruce, or any of their Assigns for Four Hundred Acres on the South Side of Sherando, the plaintiff appearing, and the Sherif having returned upon a second Summons, that the Defendants are not to be found, it is Ordered That the Plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

John Oneal having entered a Caveat against Francis Pincher for Two Hundred and Eighteen Acres in Augusta, upon the Branches of the North River Sherando, the plaintiff appearing, and the Sherif having upon a second Summons returned, that the Defendant is no Inhabitant of the Country, Ordered That the Plaintif have a patent for the said Land.[154]

Caleb Ellis having entered a Caveat against Josiah Barker for Three hundred Acres in Surry, for Reasons appearing to the Board,

Ordered That the said Caveat be dismist, and that the Defendant have a patent.

Nicholas Davies having entered a Caveat against Robert Davis for Fifty Acres on the Fluvanna River, and Two Hundred and Fifty on the said River in Albemarle, upon hearing Council on both Sides

Ordered That the plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

Robert Jones having entered a Caveat against Abraham Martin for Six Thousand Acres on the Horsepen Creek in Lunenburg, Upon hearing Council on both Sides,

Ordered That the said Caveat be dismist, and that the Defendant have a patent for the said Land.

John Anderson having entered a Caveat against John Christian and William Bunting or any of their Assigns for any Quantity of Land not exceeding Four Hundred Acres on Back Creek, a Branch of the South River of Sherando in Augusta, the plaintif appearing and the Sherif having return'd on a second Summons, that Christian claims no Right, and that Bunting is not to be found.

Ordered that the plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

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[154]This word was originally written "Lands" but the erasure of the "s" seems to be indicated.

Jeremiah Harrison having entered a Caveat against Isaiah Harrison Son and Heir of Joseph Harrison deceased for Ninteen Acres in Augusta on the South Branch of Linwell's Creek; and for Two Hundred and Seventy Acres on the Head of the South Branch of the said Creek, and One Hundred Acres on the East Branch of Cook's Creek in the said County; the plaintif appearing, and the Sherif having returned upon a second Summons, that the Defendant is no Inhabitant of the Country

Ordered that the plaintif have a patent for the said Lands.

William Taylor having entered a Caveat against Robert Weatherly for One Thousand Two Hundred Acres in Goochland on the Branches of Hardware, Upon hearing Council on both Sides,

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Lands.

Richard Witton having entered a Caveat against John Freeman for Four Hundred Acres in Lunenburg on the Branches of Allen's Creek, the plaintif appearing, and the Sherif having twice made a Return that the Defendant is no Inhabitant

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

William Daniel jun^r having entered a Caveat against Maze Pickett for 322 Acres or any other Quantity of Land in Caroline County, for Reasons appearing to the Board,

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

John Fennell having entered a Caveat against John New for Two Hundred Acres or thereabouts in Brunswick, on the South Side of Fountain's Creek and joining the Country Line, and Jordan's and Turner's Lines, for Reasons appearing to the Board,

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Land and the Benefit of the Rights already paid.

John Thruston having entered a Caveat against Charles Freeman for Fifty Acres or thereabouts in the parish of Abingdon on Severn River in Gloucester.

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Land

Nicholas Davies having entered a Caveat against Nathaniel Davis for Two Hundred Acres in Albemarle on the Side of the Chesnut Mountain,

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

David Bell having entered a Caveat against John Dawson Joseph Cloud and James Terry for Two Thousand Eight Hundred and sixteen Acres on the Tarrarat River in Lunenburg; Also against Richard Crunk for Seventy Four Acres on the said River; And against Adam

Lovern for One hundred and Seventy Six Acres on Lovern's Creek, begining at the Country Line a Branch of Tarrarat, for Reasons appearing to the Board

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Lands.

George Walton having entered a Caveat against John Jones a Mulatto for Two Hundred Acres more or less in Brunswick, the plaintif appearing, and the Sherif having returned upon a second Summons, that the Defendant is not to be found,

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Land

William Russell having entered a Caveat against Christopher Francisco for Three Thousand One Hundred Acres in Augusta formerly Orange recovered of the said Russell by Order of Council, as part of Jacob Stover's patent, he having paid no Rights for the same, the plaintif appearing, and the Sherif having made Return on a second Summons, that the Defendant is not to be found,

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

At a Council held June 14th 1753

Present
The Governor

John Blair	Peter Randolph
John Lewis	Richard Corbin
Thomas Nelson	Philip Ludwell &
Philip Grymes	William Beverley Esqrs

The Governor was pleased to communicate to the Board two Letters from William Fairfax Esqr, One of the 18th [*sic*] the other of the 19th [*sic*] Instant, purporting that according to his Honour's Orders he had prevailed on Col William Russell to go to Logstown, and had given him written Instructions (a Copy whereof was inclosed) to proceed there forthwith, and in the Governor of Virginia's Name to desire Admittance to the Commandant of the French Forces, and to demand by whose Commission and Authority he acts, the Reasons why his Forces together with the Indians under his Command have come from Canada so far Southward as the River Ohio to invade the Lands belonging to his Majesty of Great Britain, in a Time of profound peace; also to gain what Intelligence he can relating to the Designs of the French and their Indians; That he left the Arms &c in safe Custody; That he came from Winchester the 4th Instant to Belvoir, about

Eighty Miles distant from thence; that he can readily send any Commands he may receive, and depend on their being well executed.

On the petition of John Lewis Esqr and Company Four Years further Time is allowed them to compleat the surveying and seating their Grant of Eight Hundred Thousand Acres of Land lying on the Branches of Missisippi in Augusta County

Ordered that a new Commission of the Peace issue for Lunenburg, as soon as a new Sherif shall be appointed; That Thomas Boulden, William Embry, David Garland, and Tyree Glen be added, and that James Mitchell, Matthew Marrable, and William Callaway be left out.

Ordered That Hugh Lawson be appointed Coroner in Lunenburg.

This Day the Complaint exhibited by some of the Justices of Stafford Court against John Mercer Gent, was heard, and the Evidence in Support of the Articles with which he was charged being gone through, and his Answer, and the several Representations, and Letters, in Vindication of his Behaviour, and Extenuation of the Facts he stood accused of, read and duly considered. The Board was unanimously of Opinion, his Conduct had been in some Respects blameable, particularly by his Intemperance opprobrious Language on the Bench, and indecent Treatment of the other Justices; and it was their Advice that his Honour would by a Letter, to be read in open Court by the Clerk of Stafford, when the said Mercer shall be present, reprimand him for it; and also signify to him at the same Time, that in Consideration of his having been a principal Instrument in a due Administration of Justice, and expediting the Business of the County, it has been thought proper to continue him Judge of the Court; but that it is expected he will alter such Parts of his Behaviour as have drawn upon him that Censure. And they further advised that Peter Daniel, for what appeared against him in examining the Witnesses, should be turned out of the Commission.

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for Charles City, and that William and Littlebury Hardyman be reinstated.

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for Surry, and that two more of the Justices be of the Quorum.

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for Henrico, and that Bowler Cocke jun^r be added.

Anthony Thomas, and Charles Lawson having entered a Caveat against Simon Whitehurst for Fifty Acres on Currituck Inlet in Princess Anne adjoining the Lands of the Petitioners, for Reasons appearing to the Board, it is

Ordered that they have a Patent for the said Land paying all Expences.

Alexander Nisbett and Robert Kennon having entered separate Caveats against Drury Stith for Four Thousand Two Hundred Acres on Jones's Creek in Lunenburg, it appearing that Kennon's Caveat was first entered in the Secretary's Office, and that in a short Time after, he entered it in the Council Office, and took out a Summons,

Ordered That Nisbet's Caveat be dismist, and that Kennon have a Patent for the said Land.

Edward Birchet jun^r having entered a Caveat against William Holloway for Four Hundred Acres on the Branches of Pea Hill in Brunswick, for Reasons appearing to the Board,

Ordered that the said Caveat be dismist, the Defendant paying Costs.

John Birchet having entered a Caveat against John Peebles for Three Hundred Acres or thereabouts on the three Creeks in Brunswick, the Plaintif appearing, and the Defendant having been summoned and not appearing,

Ordered That the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

William Jones having entered a Caveat against William Randle, for Seven Hundred Acres on Cole Water in Brunswick, for Reasons appearing

Ordered That the said Caveat be dismist, the Defendant paying Costs.

At a Council held June 15th 1753.

Present
The Governor

John Blair	Philip Grymes &
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell Esq^rs

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted.

To Elisha Eastice, One Thousand two Hundred Acres including a Survey already made for the said Eastice on the Branches of Little Falling River, joining Mackdead's and James Mitchel's Lands in Lunenburg.

To William Cabell, Three Thousand Acres on the Branches of Joe's Creek and Rutter's Run in Albemarle, including several Entries already made with the Surveyor.

To Benjamin Pinington One Thousand Acres including two Entries he bought of Edwards in Brunswick.

To James Parish and Mason Bishup Six Thousand Acres, joining the Lines of Daniel, Lyndsey, Cordle, and their own Lines in the Counties of Lunenburg and Brunswick.

To Robert Jones jun^{r} and Nicholas Edmunds Two Thousand Acres in Hallifax, between Leatherwood and Reedy Creeks, and to include the same in one Patent with Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Acres granted to Clement Read and others, Seven Thousand, Six Hundred, and Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and sixty seven to Lunsford Lomax and others already patented.

On the Petition of Benjamin Grymes, Peyton Randolph, John Randolph, Nathaniel Harrison, Charles Carter, Benjamin Robinson, Mann Page, John Page, William Fitzhugh and John Fitzhugh Gent, setting forth, that they have obtained an Assignment from Bernard Moore and Company of a Grant made to them July 12th 1749, of One Hundred Thousand Acres of Land on the new River, which will expire the 12th of next Month, Leave is granted them to return their Works on the tenth Day of October 1755.

Ordered that a new Commission of the Peace issue for Prince George, that Allexander Bolling, Benjamin Cocke, and Joshua Poythress be added, and that Stephen Dewey be left out.

Ordered That a new Commission of the Peace issue for Brunswick, That George Walton, John Willis, James Hix, and Buckner Stith having refused to qualify themselves, Lewis Parham who has removed into Prince George, and Henry Embry jun^{r} deceased, be left out; and that Thomas Twitty, Sampson Lanier, William Wyche, James Hix jun^{r}, Christopher Macon, and Isaac Rowe Walton be added.

Present

William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, and Richard Corbin Esq^{rs}

On the Petition of Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, Charles Carter, Nathaniel Harrison, Benjamin Robinson, Carter Burwell, Robert Burwell, Peyton Randolph, John Randolph, Charles Carter jun^{r} Joseph Robinson, Benjamin Robinson jun^{r}, Charles Robinson, Mann Page, John Page, John Thornton, James Butler, Thomas Berry, William Fitzhugh, John Fitzhugh, Francis Thornton, John Champe, William Fitzhugh jun^{r}, Richard Smith and Benjamin

Grymes Esq^{rs}, Leave is granted them to take up and survey, Fifty Thousand Acres of Land on the Waters of Missisippi, begining at the Mouth of Fishing Creek, and four Years Time is allowed them to survey and pay Rights for the same upon Return of the Plans to the Secretary's Office.

Leave also is granted to the same Gentlemen to take up and survey One hundred Thousand Acres of Land on the Waters of Missisippi, begining at the Mouth of the New River, otherwise the Big Canaughway on the same Terms.

Leave is also granted to the abovementioned Gent to take up and survey Forty Thousand Acres of Land on the Waters of Missisippi, begining at the Mouth of Buffalo Creek on the South Side thereof, on the above Terms.

James Scott having entered a Caveat against Robert Campbell for Four Hundred and Four Acres on Allen's Creek in Lunenburg, on hearing Council on both Sides

Ordered That the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land, reimbursing the Executors what Expences Campbell was at.

Theophilus Field having entered a Caveat against Samuel Harwell for One Hundred and sixty one Acres in Brunswick joining Williams's, Smith's, King's, and High's Lands, for Reasons appearing to the Board,

Ordered that the said Caveat be dismist, the Defendant paying the Costs.

Thomas Williams having entered a Caveat against Thomas Dickinson and his Assigns for One Hundred Acres escheated by the said Dickinson, upon hearing Council on both sides,

Ordered that the said Caveat be dismist, and that no Patent issue to either.

John Pearson Webb having entered a Caveat against John Armistead for Three Tracts of Land, One of a Thousand Acres, another of Five Hundred, and the other of Four Hundred in Goochland, between Great Guinea and Angola Creeks recovered by him the said Armistead against William Gray, by Judgment of the General Court the 21st of October 1751, the Plaintif appearing, and the Defendant having been summoned and not appearing, Ordered that the Plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

James Pitillo having entered a Caveat against John Taylor Duke or his Assigns for Seven Hundred and Fifty Acres or there-

abouts on the North Side of Flat Creek in Lunenburg, for Reasons appearing to the Board,

Ordered that the said Caveat be dismist, Defendant paying Costs.

William Finney having entered a Caveat against William Gray for Four Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Five Acres in Lunenburg upon Banister River, upon hearing Council on both Sides, it is

Ordered that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land, and that all other Caveats depending for the said Land be dismist.

James Wilson having entered a Caveat against Thomas Carter for two Lots, or one Acre of Ground in the Parish of Bruton and County of York lately escheated from Stephen Brown, upon hearing Council on both Sides,

Ordered that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land, upon paying the Costs of the Inquisition Escheat Warrant and the Caveat.

Cooper Williams having entered a Caveat against Matthew Jones for Two Hundred and Twenty Five Acres in Southampton, on the North Side of Nottoway River, the Plaintif appearing and the Sherif having returned upon a second Summons, that the Defendant is not to be found,

Ordered that the plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

At a Council held July 9th 1753

Present
The Governor

John Blair	Thomas Nelson
William Nelson	Richard Corbin &
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell Esqrs

The Governor communicated to the Board a Letter he received from Mr William Trent, dated from North Branch Potomack the 28th June last, by Thomas Burney returned from the Twigtwees now at Ohio, signifying that he expected to be with the Indians the 1st of July, with a Message from the Half King, the Cheifs of the Six Nations, and Twigtwees, purporting their Dislike and Fear of the French coming amongst them, and their firm Attachment to their good Brothers the English. Whereupon it was the Advice of the Board,

that his Honour would signify to the Twigtwees, that in Consideration of their coming so long a Way to confirm the Friendship subsisting between us, and being fond of every Oportunity of testifying our Regard for them, we are preparing a small Present for them which will be sent to Winchester by the 20th of next Month, that we expect they will come there and accept it, as a Token of our Affection, and that in May next, we desire they will accompany the Sachems of the Six Nations to Winchester to receive a handsome Present sent by their Father the King of Great Britain

It was further advised by the Board that his Honour would assure the Six Nations we shall be always ready to assist them upon all necessary Occasions when in our Power, to invite them to come with the Twigtwees in May next, to accept his Majesty's Present, and to inform them, that a Suit of Cloaths will be sent for the Half King, and King Shinges, with the small Present to the Cheifs of the Twigtwees; Also that his Honour would request William Fairfax Esqr to deliver the said Present.

Ordered That the following Present be sent to the Twigtwees Viz: Two Barrels of Powder, Four Hundred weight of Lead, Twenty five small Arms, a Hundred Flints, two Peices of Match Coats, a Suit of Cloaths, and a Hat for each, also a Suit of Cloaths and a Hat for the Half King, and King Shinges.

Ordered That the Receiver General pay Thomas Burney Fifty Pounds for his Trouble and Expence in going to and returning from the Twigtwees.

At a Council held August 24th 1753.

Present
The Governor

John Blair	Philip Ludwell Esqrs &
Richard Corbin	Thomas Dawson Clerk

The Governor was pleased to communicate to the Board a Letter from Mr William Trent dated August 11th purporting that the Indians were in Hopes of seeing his Honour, that the French, whose Army consists of about One Thousand five Hundred Soldiers from old France, within three Months will have three Forts on the Ohio River, that they declare publickly they will have all the Land as far as Allegheny Hill,

and will build Towns and Forts where they please; He is persuaded the Inclination of the Indians is at this Time with us.

Also a Letter from William Fairfax Esqr dated from Winchester the 19th of August, signifying he had just received a Letter from Mr Trent intimating the great Desire of the Indians to see the Governor of Virginia, on whom they cheifly depend for immediate Assistance. He thinks a Commission appointing Capt Trent to command a Body of Rangers may be of service; he expects the Indians in Number between Thirty and Forty about the 27th Instant who will at least stay till advised of his Honour's coming or not, to which was added a Postscript of the next Day, informing that Mr Gist came that Day, and, tho told Mr Birney was set off with Capt Trent's Letters, was willing to undertake a Journey to Williamsburg himself, believing he could be more explicit in giving Satisfaction in what related to the present Affairs of the Indians, which he did not disapprove of; That a greater Number of Indians being on their March than expected he desired an Order for some Cash, not knowing of whom to get it, and beg'd his Honour's fullest Instructions in Case of his not coming.

Whereupon it was the Advice of the Council, that a Hundred Pounds be sent by Mr Gist to Col: Fairfax; that he be directed to satisfy the Indians it is impossible for the Governor to meet them at this Time; to assure them of his Regard for them; that he fully intends to meet them at Winchester next Summer with a handsome Present from his Majesty, and to fix a Time, the most suitable to them. They also advise his Honour to transmit to Col Fairfax the Substance of the Answers he has received to his Message to the Cherokees and Catawbas, that he may be enabled to convince the Indians how hearty the Southard Indians are to oppose the Settlement of the French on the Ohio, or any of their hunting Grounds, and to desire him to let them know, that if they should engage in War with their Enemies, and think fit to put their Women and Children under our Protection, all proper Care will be taken of them, and further to signify to him, if a fit Person could be procured to send to the Commandant of the French Forces, a Commission would be granted him to demand by what Authority he invades the Lands of his Majesty's Subjects of Great Britain, while a firm Peace subsists between the two Crowns, but that no Commission can be sent for Rangers or other Forces, till an Answer shall come from England to Letters praying Directions in the Case.

At a Council held October 11th 1753

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson	Peter Randolph Esqrs &
John Lewis	Thomas Dawson Clk

His Majesty's Warrant countersigned by the Lords of the Treasury bearing Date the 9th Day of April 1753 was this Day read at the Board appointing an Allowance of Six Hundred pounds per Annum, out of the Revenue of two shillings a Hogshead to the Members of his Majesty's Council, in Addition to their former annual Allowances, to commence from the last half yearly Day of Payment.

A Copy of an Order of the King in Council, bearing Date the tenth Day of May 1753 and certified by Peter Leheup Esqr was produced and read, for the Lords of the Treasury to cause a proper Warrant to be prepared for authorizing the paiment of a Sum of Money not exceeding One Thousand Pounds to be laid out in Goods for a Present to the Twigtwee Indians and their Allies.

The Governor desiring the Advice of the Board concerning the most proper Time for the Meeting of the Assembly, on Consideration thereof, it is the Opinion of the Board and accordingly ordered that the Assembly which stood prorogued to the second Tuesday in November next, meet the first Thursday of the said Month, and that Proclamations forthwith issue requiring their Attendance at that Time for the Dispatch of Business.

Ordered That an Advertizement be inserted in the Gazette requiring all persons concerned in any Caveats to give their Attendance on the eighth Day of November next, at which Time the Causes remaining on the Council Docket will be proceeded upon.

At a Council held October 17th 1753

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Philip Grymes
John Blair	Peter Randolph
John Lewis	Richard Corbin Esqrs &
Thomas Nelson	Thomas Dawson Clerk

Ordered That the Receiver General pay Henry Morris Fifty Pounds for his Journey to the Cherokees and Catawbas including what he has already received, and Thirty pounds to his Son for a Journey to the Catawbas.

The Governor desiring the Advice of the Council in relation to inviting the Southward Indians to meet at Winchester next May to participate of a Present from his Majesty to the Twigtwees and the Indians in Alliance with them it was the Opinion of the Board that it would be sufficient to send a Message to the Cherokees and Catawbas, and to request them to invite some of the Chickasaws to accompany them.

The Governor was desired to take upon himself the Trouble of settling with Mr Gist for his Journey to the Ohio.

At a Council held October 22^d^ 1753

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Philip Grymes
John Blair	Peter Randolph
William Nelson	Richard Corbin Esq^rs^ &
Thomas Nelson	Thomas Dawson Clerk

The Governor was pleased to communicate to the Board a Packet he received by his Majesty's Ship the Speedwell containing a Letter from the Lords of Trade signifying their Approbatio[n][155] of his Honour's Conduct with Respect to Indian Affairs, and of the Means he recommended to be taken towards checking the Designs of the French on the Ohio, and for the Maintenan[ce][156] of his Majesty's Rights, and the Interests and Security of his Subjects in America, which they had sent to the Secretary of State to be laid before the King.

Also his Majesty's Order in Council of the 10th of Augus[t][157] last, that the Board of Ordnance be directed to send Thirty Cannon of Four Pounders to be placed in Forts which his Majesty approved to have erected on the River Ohio as soon as the Nature of the Service will admit, with a full Proportion of Stores.

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Also his Majesty's Instructions of the 28th of the said Month directing his Honour in Case the Subjects of any foreign Prince or State should presume to make any Incroachments on the Limits of his Majestys Dominions, or to erect Forts on his Lands, or commit any Other Act of Hostility, immediately to represent the Injustice of such Proceeding, and to require them forthwith to desist from any such unlawful Undertaking But if notwithstanding such Requisition, they should still persist, his Honour is then directed to draw forth the armed Force of the Province, and use his best Endeavours to repell Force by Force, but by no means to make use of the armed Force excepting within the Limits of his Majesty's Dominions. His Honour is further enjoin'd to keep up an exact Correspondence with all the Governors on the Continent and in case he shall be informed by any of them, of any hostile Attempts, to assemble the General Assembly, and lay before them the Necessity of a mutual Assistance, and engage them to grant such Supplies as the Exigencies of Affairs may require.

At a Council held October 27th 1753.

Present
The Governor

John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson	Peter Randolph &
John Lewis	Richard Corbin Esqrs

The Governor communicated a Letter to the Board from Mr William Trent date October 5th 1753 purporting that he was credibly informed all the Traders were preparing to remove from Yougyougane by Advice of the Half King who was returned from the French Army much displeased with the Treatment he received from the Commander, who used many insolent Expressions and Menaces to him against the English. Mr Trent says the Half King is the best Friend the English have, but fears a great Part of the Six Nations favour the French, and doubts all the Setlers on the Ohio Company's Lands will be obliged to move off if the Governor don't fall on some Method speedily to stop the progress of the French.

Present William Nelson and Thomas Nelson Esq^{rs}

The Governor acquainted the Board that George Washington Esqr Adjutant General for the Southern District, had offered himself to go properly commissioned to the Commandant of the French Forces, to learn by what Authority he presumes to make Incroachments on his Majesty's Lands on the Ohio, who being approved of by the Council, his Honour proposed that a Committee might be appointed to form a Letter to the said Commandant, with a Commission Instructions and Passport for the said George Washington.

Ordered

That William Fairfax, Richard Corbin and Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs} be of the said Committee

Present The Commissary.

William Fairfax Esqr produced to the Board an Account of his Expences attending the Conveyance and Delivery of the Presents ordered to the Twigtwees Indians, the Ballance amounting to Two hundred and fifty nine Pounds, one shilling and eight Pence, which was allowed.

Ordered That the Receiver General pay William Fairfax Esqr One hundred and fifty Pounds for his Expences and Trouble in the said Services.

At a Council held October 29th 1753.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Philip Grymes
John Blair	Richard Corbin
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs} &

Thomas Dawson Clerk

William Fairfax Esqr reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to Order prepared a Letter to the Commandant of the French Forces, with a Commission, Instructions and a Passport to George Washington Esqr which being read and approved were ordered to be fairly transcribed.

At a Council held October 31st 1753.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson	Peter Randolph
John Lewis	Richard Corbin Esqrs &

Thomas Dawson Clerk

This Day the Letter to the Commandant of the French Forces, also the Commission, Instructions, and Passport for George Washington Esqr were again read, and delivered to him in Council by the Governor.

Ordered That the Receiver General advance One Hundred and Fifty Pounds to the said George Washington to defray his Expences in the abovementioned Expedition.

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted.

To Benjamin Grymes Esqr One Thousand Acres of Land at a Place commonly called and known by the Name of the Glades to the Westward of the Great Mountains begining at a Chesnut Tree on the South side thereof, and that this Order take place from the 13th of June last when it was first granted.

To Henry Wilson, Leave to include in one Patent Three Hundred and Four Acres already surveyed in Brunswick and an Entry of Four Hundred Acres adjoining.

To the same, to include Four hundred and thirty Acres surveyed in Lunenburgh, and four hundred entered for which are adjoining

To William Royster One thousand Acres on the South side of Roanoke begining on his own Line on Blew Creek runing up both Sides of the Creek, and to include the same with his old Lands.

To Anthony Agee Two Thousand Acres more or less in Albemarle, begining on an old Line belonging formerly to William Lohan so including his own Line and William Allens upon Green's Creek.

To Philip Matthews One Thousand Acres more or less in Albemarle begining on Fish Pond Creek a Branch of Appamattox joining his own Survey of Three Hundred Acres, thence joining

Philip Mayo's Lines, and the little ragged Mountains and the Head of David's Creek.

To John Hunter and Joseph Tate Leave to take up One Thousand Acres in Hallifax County on the South Side of Four Hundred Acres already patented to the said Hunter on Russell's Creek a Branch of Mayo, and to include the same in one Patent with Two hundred and seventy Acres patented to Joseph Tate.

To John Hunter Four Hundred Acres in Lunenburgh on the South side of Four Hundred patented to Paul Childs, and Two Hundred and seventy to Henry Childs, and an Entry of Paul Childs of Four Hundred on the East Side of the Head Branches of Falling River, and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

To James Foulis Clerk Three Thousand Acres in Hallifax County begining at an Oak Tree marked J. F. including the Branches of Cherry Stone and the adjacent High Lands.

To Robert Marshall Ten Thousand Acres in Lunenburg being at a Maple Tree marked T. D. upon Blackwater River runing up and down the River on both Sides for Quantity.

To John Irby Leave to renew an Order of Council granted June 13th 1753 for Two Thousand Five Hundred acres including the Land whereon he lives and his Tract of Three hundred and forty Acres granted to him the 20th of August 1747 and his Tract purchased of William Scott, and adjoining the Lines of Edmund Barrow, John Bain and others.

To John Edmunds Leave to renew an Order of Council of the 13th of June 1753 for Four Thousand Acres in Surry including his Land whereon he Lives, a Tract purchased of Edmund Ruffin, and his Tract on the Wild Cat, and adjoining the Lines of Andrew Lester, Benjamin Ellis and others.

To Sherwood Walton Four Thousand Acres including his survey'd Land on Bye or Lost Creek, the Branches of Banister River and Elkhorn Creek in Hallifax.

To the same Four Thousand Acres on Miry Creek, including two Surveys, and to take in some Branches of Birch's Creek in Hallifax.

To John Walker Four hundred Acres on the North Fork of Slate River joining Three Hundred Acres surveyed for the said Walker, and Three Hundred bought of John Lee, and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

To William Megginson One Thousand Acres on Natt's Branch of Brydle Creek to include one Survey of Two hundred and eighty five Acres and two small Entries.

To Daniel Hankins two Thousand Acres begining at a Mountain called Bryery Mountain in Hallifax.

To the same One Thousand Acres in Hallifax on the North Fork of Chesnut Creek begining at the black Cherry Trees

To Charles Clay Six Thousand Acres begining at a blazed white Oak at the Head of the South Fork of Sandy River, runing down both Sides.

To Archibald Cary Leave to include Four Hundred Acres lying on Barren lick Creek a Branch of Willis's already survey'd in one Patent with an Order granted to him in November 174[6?][158]

At a Council held November 3d 1753.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Philip Grymes
John Blair	Peter Randolph
William Nelson	Richard Corbin
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell Esqrs &
Thomas Nelson	Thomas Dawson Clerk

The Governor communicated to the Board a speech (inclosed in a Letter from Mr Trent of the 16th of October last) from the Half King, (with a Belt of Wampum) confirming the ill Treatment he received from the French Commander, and desiring two Forts to be built, One at the Forks, and the other at the old French Town.

The Accounts of Contingent Charges from the 25th of April 1753, to the 25th of October 1753, and for Repairs to the Governor's House, being laid before the Board were allowed.

[158]The last figure has been cropped at the margin of the photographic reproduction and can not be made out with certainty. However, a grant to Archibald Cary on November 3, 1746, is shown on p. 223.

At a Council held November 8th 1753.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson	Richard Corbin
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell Esqrs &

Thomas Dawson Clerk

Charles Talbot having entered a Caveat against Matthew Talbot for One Thousand Five hundred and thirty five Acres in Lunenburg uppon the North Side of Otter River, and Two hundred and fifty Acres on the South side of Staunton River in Hallifax and Ten Thousand six hundred and fifty Acres in Lunenburg on the North Side of Goose Creek, the plaintif appearing by his Council, and the Defendant having been summoned and not appearing,

Ordered That the plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

George Clopton having entered a Caveat against William Kay for Three Thousand two hundred and eighty Acres on the North side of Otter River in Lunenburg, the Defendant appearing by his Council, and the Plaintif not appearing, it is

Ordered That the said Caveat be dismist.

Arthur Taylor having entered a Caveat against William Sweat and Margaret his Wife formerly Margaret Jeffries, Francis Locus and Hannah his Wife, or Margaret Jeffries Daughter of the aforesaid Margaret for One Hundred and ninety Acres lying on the North Side of Maherin River joining Arthur Taylor's Lines in Southampton; the Plaintiff appearing by his Council, and the Defendant having been summoned and not appearing

Ordered That the plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

James Wood having entered a Caveat against Terance Kelley for a Tract of Land surveyed for the said Kelley on James River near the rapid Ford containing Four Hundred Acres, the plaintif appearing, and it appearing by the Return of the Summons by the Sherif that the Defendant is run away,

Ordered That the Plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

John Ganaway having entered a Caveat against Josias Payne for One Hundred and sixty Acres on the North side of Appamattox River in Albemarle, for Reasons appearing to the Board

Ordered That the Plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

John Craig having entered a Caveat against David Craig for four hundred Acres on the North Side of North River, North and Middle Rivers in Augusta, the Plaintif appearing, and it appearing by the Return of the Sherif, that the Defendant is not to be found,

Ordered That the plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

Peter Johnston having entered a Caveat against Susanna Grant or any other person for One Thousand nine hundred Acres in Lunenburg survey'd for Ferquhard Grant deceased, for Reasons appearing to the Board,

Ordered That the Plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

Henry Broadnax having entered a Caveat against Nicholas Edmonds for Eight hundred Acres on Burches Creek formerly in Lunenburg now Hallifax, for Reasons appearing to the Board

Ordered That the said Caveat be dismist the Defendant paying Costs

Richard Chamberlayne having entered a Caveat against William Gray for three hundred and sixty Acres on both Sides of Bearskin Creek in Brunswick, and four Hundred and four Acres on both Sides of Bearskin Creek, and two Thousand five hundred and forty three Acres on both Sides of Banister River in Brunswick, the Plaintif appearing by his Council, and it appearing by the Return of the Sherif that the Defendant is not to be found

Ordered That the Plaintif have a patent for the said Lands.

Samuel Wright having entered a Caveat against John Gibbs for Two Thousand Acres more or less in Brunswick on the South Side of Maherin River on the little Creek that runs into Maherrin below Christiana Fort, for Reasons appearing to the Board,

Ordered That the said Wright have a patent for Three hundred Acres to be laid off in any part of his Entries, paying Costs, and that the said Gibbs have a patent for the Remainder.

At a Council held November 9th 1753.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson	Richard Corbin Esqrs &
John Lewis	Thomas Dawson Clerk

On the Petition of Samuel Eckerlain, Joel Eckerlain, and Gabriel Eckerlain Leave is granted them to take up and survey Five Thousand Acres of Land Part of the vacant Land lying between Lord Fairfax's Line, and the Line of John Blair Esqr and Company, and that of the Ohio Company, so as not to interfere with either of their Grants, including the Lands on which they have already made Improvements, and lying among the Allegany Mountains.

Henry Morris having entered a Caveat against John Ivy Heir at Law of Joseph Ivy deceased for One hundred Acres in Brunswick, the Plaintif appearing by his Council, and the Sherif having return[ed][159] that the Defendant is not to be found

Ordered That the plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

John Ward having entered a Caveat against Robert Campbell Brother and Heir of Walter Campbell deceased for Three hundred Acres in Lunenburg on the South Side of Dockray's Creek, for Reasons appearing to the Board

Ordered That the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

Benjamin Reekes having entered a Caveat against Martin Weatherford for Six hundred Acres begining at Huckston's Line runing up Laton's Creek on both Sides; The plaintif appearing by his Council, and the Defendant having been summoned and not appearing

Ordered That the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land

The same having entered a Caveat against Charles Weatherford for Eight Hundred Acres begining at Richard Thomsons on Miles's Creek on both Sides, and also for the same Quantity begining at John M^c^Daniel's Line runing up both Sides of the Little Creek to Broadnax's Line joining John Mootries Line; The Plaintif appearing by his Council, and the Defendant having been summoned and not appearing

Ordered That the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Lands

Daniel Calaghan having entered a Caveat against John Oneal for Two Hundred Acres on Muddy Creek in Augusta, for Reasons appearing to the Board

Ordered That the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

John Oneal having entered a Caveat against John States for Three Hundred Acres in Augusta upon a head Branch of Linwell's Creek joining to Francis Pincher's Line, for Reasons appearing,

Ordered That the plaintif have a Patent for the said Land

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Robert Stobo having entered a Caveat against John Smith for Three hundred and sixty Acres or thereabouts on Blue Creek in Lunenburg joining Currie's Line

Ordered That the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land

Robert Ruffin having entered a Caveat against John Clack and the Heir and Executors of Sterling Clack deceased for Two Thousand Acres or thereabouts on both Sides of Miles's Creek in Lunenburg, the Plaintif appearing, and the Defendants having been summoned and not appearing

Ordered that the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land

Francis Disarn jun^r having entered a Caveat against Alexander Nelson for Four Hundred Acres in Hallifax on Steward's Creek joining David Wall's Lines the Plaintif appearing and the Defendant having been summoned and not appearing

Ordered That the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land.

Thomas Harris having entered a Caveat against David Harris for Four hundred Acres in Cumberland on both Sides of Guiney Creek, for Reasons appearing to the Board

Ordered That the Plaintif have a Patent for the said Land

Nathaniel Terry having entered a Caveat against Samuel Harris for Eight Hundred Acres on Fall Creek in Hallifax, and for Eight Hundred Acres on the Double Creeks in Hallifax, Also against the said Harris and Redman Falen for One Thousand and Eighty Acres on upper Sandy Creek in Hallifax

Ordered that the Plaintif have a Patent for all the abovemention'd Lands

Nathaniel Terry having entered a Caveat against Joseph Terry for Four hundred Acres or thereabouts upon both Sides of John Branch in Hallifax,

Ordered that the Plaintif have a patent for the said Land.

Josiah Hatcher and Ann Elizabeth his Wife having entered a Caveat against Daniel Scot and James Holman Churchwarden[s?][160] of King William Parish, and Benjamin Harris in Cumberland for One hundred and ten Acres between the Lines of Benjamin Harrison and the said Scot on James River in the Manican Town surveyed for the Use of the Parish, for Reasons appearing to the Board Ordered that the said Caveat be dismist, and that the plt pay Costs.

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[160]This word apparently has a final "s" which has been cropped at the right-hand margin of the photographic reproduction.

Edmund Pendleton having entered a Caveat against Thomas Wild for One hundred and Sixty eight Acres on Chickahominy Swamp in Hanover, the Defendant appearing and signifying his Agreement and Consent

Ordered That the Plaintif have a patent for the said Land

At a Council held November 12th 1753

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson	Richard Corbin
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell Esqrs &

Thomas Dawson Clerk.

The Governor communicated to the Board a Letter from Conrad Weiser Interpreter to the Six united Nations of Indians, dated the 5th of September 1753, signifying his having been sent by Governor Hamilton with a Message to the Six Nations to enquire about the French Army that marched by Oswego last Spring, whether they wer building Forts at Ohio &c and having delivered his Message to the Mohocks being met in Council, with a Copy inclosed of their Answer, purporting that all they could say was Hearsay, tho from good Authority, towit, that the French passed Oswego with a numerous Army, well armed, and some Great Guns, and signify'd to the Six Nations, that they intended to take possession of the Lands at Ohio &c

Also a Letter from Governor Sharpe of the 23d of October, and another of the 4th of November purporting, he was concerned to find there is likely to be a Disturbance on the Back of our Province wishing Success to his Honour's Endeavours to keep the Indians firm to our Interest, and that every Colony on the Continent would establish a Fund to be appropriated to those Uses, and desiring to know what Resolution our Assembly shall come to on his Majesty's Instructions concerning the Attempts of the French

At a Council held November 16th 1753.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Philip Grymes
John Blair	Peter Randolph
William Nelson	Richard Corbin
John Lewis	Philip Ludwell Esqrs &
Thomas Nelson	Thomas Dawson Clerk

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesty's Revenue of two shillings Per Hogshead Port Duties &c were signed by the Governor

For half a Year's Salary to the Governor.....	£1000..—..—
For half a Year's additional Salary to the Council to the 25th of April last.....	300..—..—
For half a Year's Salary to the Council.....	600..—..—
To the Judges & others of the Court of Oyer & Terminer.....	100..—..—
For half a Year's Salary to the Auditor.....	50..—..—
For Ditto to the Sollicitor of Virginia Affairs..	50..—..—
For half a Year's Salary to the Attorney General	35..—..—
For Do to the Clerk of the Council.....	50..—..—
For Do to Adjutants.....	160..—..—
For Do to Armourer.....	6..—..—
For Do to Gunners.....	18..10..—
To the Ministers attending one General Court..	10..—..—
For Repairs to the Governor's House.....	1114.. 6.. 7
For Contingent Charges.....	1323.. 3..—
For a Present to the Twigtwees Indians.....	1000..—..—

On the Revenue of Quit-Rents

To the Attorney General.....	£ 35..—..—

The Accounts of his Majesty's Revenue of two shillings per Hogshead Port Duties &c from the 25th of April 1753 to the 25th of October 1753 being examined by the Deputy Auditor, and made Oath to by the Receiver General wer certifyed by the Governor as usual, as also the Accounts of his Majesty's Revenue of Quit-Rents for the Year 1752.

On the Petition of Hugh Miller setting forth that he had been at considerable Expence in prosecuting Theophilus Feild for Usury of which he was convicted in the General Court, and praying that he may be paid out of his Majesty's Moiety of the Fine, a proportionable Part of the Expence; The Board taking the said Petition under Consideration, were of Opinion it was reasonable, and it was thereupon Ordered that the Receiver General pay the said Miller, one Half of the Costs of the said Prosecution.

At a Council held November 26th 1753

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Philip Grymes
John Blair	Peter Randolph
William Nelson	Richard Corbin
Thomas Nelson	Philip Ludwell Esqrs &

Thomas Dawson Clerk

The Governor communicated to the Board a Letter from Governor Hamilton dated October 30th purporting he had received an Account that the Half King was returned without Success from the Fort near Weningo which the French had just finished, and that their Army, which was in two hundred Canoes was removing (notwithstanding the repeat Prohibitions of the Indians) to the Forks of Mohongialo, with Intent to build another Fort there

Ordered that the Receiver General pay Mr Andrew Montour Forty Five Pounds for his extraordinary Services on Account of this Government.

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted.

To John Wayles, Benjamin Harris, Matthew Talbot, Cary Haslett Happer, John Hylton, Timothy Dalton, Augustine Claiborne, and Alexander Mackie Sixty Four Thousand Acres on the Waters of the New River in Augusta begining below the Mouth of Bearskin Fork,[161] being a South Fork of New River at a Tree

[161]In the original there is a dot and a crooked mark between "Bearskin" and "Fork" as if the clerk had consciously omitted something or had thought to complete the statement with the former word.

marked J W, and Three Years Time allowed them to survey and pay Rights for the same on Return of the plans to the Secretary's Office.

To John Chiswell and James Littlepage Ten Thousand Acres in Hallifax on the South Side of Banister River to include the Mouth of Great Cherry Stone Creek.

To Robert Jones jun^r Leave to renew an Order of Council granted the 15th of June last to the said Robert Jones and Nicholas Edmunds for Two Thousand Acres in Hallifax between Leatherwood and Reedy Creeks, and to include the same in one Patent with 16,650 Acres granted to Clement Read and others, 7,600, and 11,276,[162] to Lunsford Lomax and others already patented.

At a Council held December 15th 1753.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Philip Grymes
John Blair	Peter Randolph
William Nelson	Richard Corbin
Thomas Nelson	Philip Ludwell Esq^rs &

Thomas Dawson Clerk.

The Board taking under Consideration the Proceedings and Resolutions of the House of Burgesses relating to the Governor's Demand of a Pistole for signing and sealing of Patents for Land, judged it necessary, and it was accordingly

Ordered That an humble Address be made to his Majesty representing the unblameable Conduct of his Honour in demanding the said Fee agreeably to the Advice of his Council and the Approbation of the Lords of Trade, and it was referred to William Fairfax, John Blair, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^rs and Thomas Dawson Cl[k][163] to prepare the same.

The Governor desiring the Opinion of the Board what they thought it reasonable Mr Nicholas, who had agreed to purchase the House bought

[162]11,267 according to the record of this grant on p. 436.

[163]The abbreviation for clerk, as given here, seems to be indicated, but the final letter or letters have been cropped at the right-hand margin of the photographic reproduction.

of Doctor M^c^kenzie for the Accomodation of his Honour, should pay, were of Opinion that Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds was sufficient

Ordered that the Receiver General pay Mr William Hunter Fifteen Pounds for finding a Messenger to go to New York, and Twenty Pounds for another to go to Charles Town.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Council demand and take the following Fees Viz.

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For a Summons on a Caveat and docketing the same to be paid down before issuing.....	— 5..	9
For a Summons for one or more Witnesses living in the same County	— 5..	9
For a Certificate to the Secretary's Office that no Caveat is depending before the Council for particular Land.	— 5..	9
For a Copy of any Order of Council for Land or any other Matter	—10..	9
For searching for any Entry in the Council Books when no Copy is wanted.....	— 5..	9

At a Council held December 17th 1753

Present
The Governor
And as before

William Fairfax Esqr reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to Order prepared an Address to his Majesty which was twice read and unanimously approved of.

Ordered That the said Address be fairly transcribed

The following Petitions for Land were read and granted.

To Jeremiah Fargerson and Charles Clay Ten Thousand Acres in Hallifax begining at Moseby's Line on White Oak Creek including three Entries of the said Clay's, and all the Waste Land between Banister and John Cargill's Line on Falling Creek including the Branches of Sandy River and Banister River not exceeding the abovementioned Quantity.

To John Matthews One thousand Acres in the Counties of Brunswick and Lunenburg on both Sides of the great Creek including four hundred and ninety six Acres surveyed.

To Nicholas Davies Two Thousand Acres in Albemarle on the Fluvanna Branches joining to one or more of the Lines of his Sugar Land Tract lying on the said Fluvanna River and it's Branches, and Leave to have an inclusive Patent for the whole, and to lodge the Rights in the Secretary's Office with the Surveyors Works for the same.

To George Currie all the Waste Lands between his own Lines and Sandy Creek, not exceeding Five Thousand Acres in Hallifax.

To Nathaniel Venable Two Thousand Acres on Cub and Long Creeks and the Branches of the same in Lunenburg.

To Nicholas Davies Two Thousand Acres in Albemarle joining to any one or more of the Lines of Philip Mayo, John Patterson, and John Pleasants and John Bolling, and Leave to lodge the Rights in the Secretary's Office with the Surveyor's Works for the same.

To Thomas Finnie Three Thousand Acres begining at William Powell's upper Line on Banister River, thence up the River to his own Line, thence along his Lines and back from the Lines mentioned including several Entries made by him and Benjamin Dixon.

To George Briggs One Thousand Acres in Southampton including Five Hundred already surveyed on the North Side of Nottoway River, begining at Black Walnut Tree old Field at a Corner Tree of John Also's, thence to William Hickman's Lines and so to extend to Grimmer's Lines, and thence to Nottoway River.

At a Council held December 19th 1753

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Philip Grymes
John Blair	Peter Randolph
William Nelson	Philip Ludwell Esqrs &
Thomas Nelson	Thomas Dawson Clerk

William Fairfax Esqr in Behalf of the Council signed the Address to his Majesty; and his Honour was desired to take upon himself the Care of transmitting the said Address to be properly presented to his Majesty.

Ordered That the Receiver General pay Mr Ford One Hundred Pounds for Materials and Work done in the Council Chamber

On the Petition of John Bolling Leave is granted him to take up Five Hundred Acres of Land joining to his Tract of Land contain-

ing Five Thousand two hundred and eighty five Acres in Lunenburg by Patent bearing Date the 11th of February 1752, and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole.

At a Council held January 21st 1754

Present
The Governor
John Blair — Thomas Nelson
William Nelson — Richard Corbin &
Philip Ludwell Esqrs

The Governor communicated to the Board, and desired their Advice upon the following Letter, which he received by Major Washington returned from the French on the Ohio.

Monsieur,

Comme j'ai l'honneur de commander ici en Chef, Monsieur Washington m'a remis la lettre que vous ecrivez au Commandant des trouppes françoises. J'aurois etè charmè que vous lui eussiez donnè ordre, ou qu'il eût etè disposè à se rendre en Canada pour voir Monsieur nôtre General au quel il appartient mieux qu'à moi de mettre au jour l'evidence, et la realitè des droits du Roi mon maitre sur les terres sçitueès le long de la belle Riviere, et de contester les pretentions du Roi de la grande Bretagne à cet egard. Je vais adresser vôtre letter à Monsieur Le Marquis Duquisne, sa reponse me servira de loi, et s'il m'ordonne de vous la communiquer, Monsieur, je puis vous assurer que je ne negligerai rien pour vous la faire tenir tres promptement.

Quant à la Sommation que vous me faites de me retirer, je ne me crois pas dans l'obligation de m'y rendre; quelques que puissent être vous Instructions, je suis ici en vertu des ordres de mon General, et je vous prie, Monsieur, de ne pas douter un instant que je suis dans la constante resolution de m'y conformer avec tout l'exactitude, et la fermeté, que l'on peut attendre du meilleur Officier. J'ignore que dans le cours de cette Campagne il se soit rien passè qui puisse être reputé pour acte d'hostilité, ni qui soit contraire aux traités qui subsistent entre les deux Couronnes, dont la continuation nous interesse, et nous flatte autant que Messieurs les Anglois. S'il vous eût etè agreable, Monsieur, d'en venir sur ce point à un detail particulier des faits qui

motisent vôtre plainte, j'aurois l'honneur de vous repondre de la façon la plus positive, et je suis persuadè que vous auriez eû lieu d être satisfait. Je me suis fait un devoir particulier de recevoir Monsieur Washington avec la distinction qui convient à vôtre dignité, à sa qualitè, et à son grand merite; je puis me flatter qu' il me rendra cette justice auprès de vous, Monsieur, et qu'il vous fera connoitre ainsi que moi le respect pronfond avec lequel je suis,

Monsieur,
Votre tres humble
et tres obeissant
Serviteur
Legardeur De st Pierre

Du fort de la riviere
au beuf le 15 xbre 1753.[164]

Of which Letter the following is a Translation

Sir,

As I have the Honour of commanding here in Cheif, Mr Washington deliver'd me the Letter you writ to the Commandant of the French Troops. I should have been glad that you had given him Orders, or that he had been inclined to procede to Canada to see our General, to whom it better belongs, than to me, to set forth the Evidence, and Reality of the Rights of the King my Master, upon the Lands situated along the River Ohio, and to contest the pretentions of the King of Great Britain thereto.

I shall transmit your Letter to the Marquis Duquisne, his Answer will be a Law to me; and if he shall order me to communicate it to you, Sir, you may be assured I shall not fail to dispatch it to you forthwith.

As to the Summons you send me to retire, I don't think myself obliged to obey it, whatever may be your Instructions, I am here by Virtue of the Orders of my General; and I intreat you, Sir, not to doubt one Moment, but that I am determined to conform myself to them, with all the Exactness and Resolution which can be expected from the best Officer.

I don't know that in the Progress of this Campaign, any Thing has passed which can be reputed an Act of Hostility, or that is con-

[164]The text of this letter reproduces that of the manuscript journal as nearly as possible, including several minor errors and the mistaken use of accent marks.

trary to the Treaties which now subsist between the two Crowns, the Continuation whereof as much interests, and is as pleasing to us as the English.

Had you been pleased, Sir, to have descended to particularize the Facts which occasion'd your Complaint, I should have had the Honour of answering you in the fullest, and, I am persuaded, most satisfactory Manner. I made it my particular Care to receive Major Washington with a Distinction suitable to your Dignity, and his Quality, and great Merit; I flatter myself he will do me this Justice before you, Sir, and that he will signify to you, as well as I, the profound Respect with which I am,

Sir,

Your most humble and
most obedient Servant
Legardeur De st Pierre

From the Fort of
la Riviere au beuf
the 15th of Xber 1753

On Consideration whereof it was the Opinion of the Board, that it will be sufficient at present for his Honour to order a Draught of One Hundred Men out of the Militia in the Counties of Frederick, and Augusta; and their Advice that the cheif Command be given to Major Washington, and a Captain's Commission to Mr William Trent to raise what Traders and other Men he can to annoy the Enemy; That Mr John Carlyle be appointed Commissary of Provisions; and that the Commanding Officer be directed to proceed immediately to the Defence of our Settlements on the Ohio: they further advised the Governor to call the Assembly in order to raise a greater Force to oppose the Designs of the French. His Honour then desiring their Opinion concerning the most proper Time for the meeting of the Assembly, it was the Opinion of the Board, and accordingly,

Ordered That the Assembly which stood prorogued to the last Thursday in April next, meet the second Thursday in February next, and that Proclamations forthwith issue requiring their Attendance at that Time.

At a Council held February 14th 1754

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Peter Randolph
William Nelson	Philip Ludwell Esqrs &

Thomas Dawson Clerk

The Governor communicated to the Board a Letter from the Lords of Trade dated September 18th 1753 signifying they had writ to the Governors of Pensylvania, Maryland, New Hampshire, Massachuset's Bay, and New Jersey, to send Commissioners to be joined with those of New York and Virginia for holding a general Interview with the Indians; and desired them to urge their respective Assemblies to make proper Provision for it; and to take Care, that all the Provinces be (if practicable) comprized in one general Treaty. Also a Letter in which the former was inclosed from the Governor of New York, signifying that in Pursuance of the above he proposed an Interview with the Indians at Albany on the 13th or 14th Day of June next; and that the Assembly there had resolved to make provision for the presents usually given on such Occasions, and for assisting any of the neighbouring Colonies to repel Force by Force in case they shall be invaded in an hostile Manner by any armed Force whatsoever.

Also an Extract of a Letter from the Commanding Officer at Oswego, intimating that the Designs of the French have proved abortive, but that they threaten to make a second Trial next Year

At a Council held February 18th 1754

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Philip Grymes
John Blair	Peter Randolph
William Nelson	Philip Ludwell Esqrs &
Thomas Nelson	Thomas Dawson Clerk

The Governor was pleased to signify to the Board that as it was determined a Fort should be immediately built on the River Ohio at the Fork of Monongahela for the Security and protection of his Majesty's Subjects in this Colony, and that a sufficient Force

should be raised to erect and support the same, he judged it necessary to give a Reward of 200,000 Acres of Land, on the East Side of the River Ohio within this Dominion (clear of Rights and free from the paiment of Quit-Rents for the Term of Fifteen Years, One Hundred Thousand Acres whereof to be contiguous to the said Fort, and the other Hundred Thousand Acres to be on or near the River Ohio) over and above their Pay to all who shall voluntarily enter into the said Service, to be divided amongst them after the Performance of the said Service, in a Proportion due to their respective Merit; The Council, on due Consideration of the great Advantage which will accrue to his Majesty from the taking immediate Possession of those Lands, and being satisfy'd that there are other Lands sufficient to answer the Quantity granted to the Ohio Company, advised his Honour to notify and publish the said Encouragement by Proclamation

Ordered That a Proclamation[165] do forthwith issue accordingly.

At a Council held February 22d 1754

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Philip Grymes
John Blair	Peter Randolph
William Nelson	Richard Corbin
Thomas Nelson	Philip Ludwell Esqrs &

Thomas Dawson Clerk.

Upon a Motion made, the Council took into Consideration the Bill passed by the House of Burgesses, and depending before the upper House; intituled, "An Act for the Encouragement and protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the Missisippi." and observing many Things in the said Bill to be unconstitutional, and derogatory to the Prerogative of the Crown, especially that Part of the Bill, which gives the Power of directing the Application of the Money to be raised by the said Bill to a Committee therein named, among whom are several Members of this Board contrary to their Consent and Inclination, and desired to be informed by his Honour the Governor, whether he thought he could, consistently with his

[165]See pp. 499-500.

Duty to his Majesty, give his Assent to the Bill, the Governor concurs with the Council unanimously, that the Bill contains some Clauses of dangerous Consequence, as tending towards an Alteration of a fundamental Part of the Constitution, by taking from his Honour an undoubted Right he has of directing the Application of all Monies raised for the Defence and Security of the Country; and that nothing less than a Case of the most pressing Necessity can in any Manner justify or even excuse him for agreeing to such a Bill. Yet seeing the Importance of an immediate Supply to defeat the Designs of the French upon our Frontiers is the most pressing that can be suggested; and considering that if this Government neglects to do something effectual this Summer towards the protecting and securing that Part of the Colony, all future Attempts for that End will be rendered unsuccessfull and there being no other possible Means by which this so desireable a Purpose can be effected, but by the Assistance of the Money granted by the said Bill, his Honour is of Opinion with the Board, that the extreem Necessity of the Service, and the fatal Consequence of neglecting it, may in some Sort only justify him for giving his Assent to the Bill.

On the Petition of John Bolling Gent, Leave is granted him to take up all the vacant Lands between Alexander Stinton's, Archibald Cary's, Samuel Ridgway's, and his own Lines, to join the same to his Land near Willis's Mountains, containing Six Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty Acres in Albemarle, and to have an inclusive Patent for the whole

On the Petition of George Briggs Leave is granted him to take up One Thousand Five Hundred Acres in Southampton including his patented Land, and joining the Lines of Joseph Hart, Thomas Greswit, Henry Sawrey, Nicholas Jones, William Felph's, and Joseph Lane.

At a Council held March 14th 1754.

Present
The Governor

William Nelson	Philip Ludwell Esqrs &
Thomas Nelson	Thomas Dawson Clerk

The Governor was pleased to Communicate to the Board a Letter from the Earl of Holderness Signifying that his Majesty has

Order'd two independent Companies from New York and one from South Carolina to March into Virginia to be employed in the Performance of those Services commanded by his Majesties Instructions of the 28th and his Letter of the 29th of August, particularly for erecting and defending the Forts Commanded to be Built on or near the River Ohio.

The Governor also laid before the Board two letters from Major Washington, One of the third and the other of the seventh of March from Belvoir purporting that the Men inlisted press greatly for Cloathing and that he shall be reduced to great Streights, unless he receives a Speedy Supply of Money.

Whereupon it was the Advice of the Council that his Honour would dispatch a Trusty Messenger to the Treasurer for Money and if there should not be Sufficient in his Hands, apply to the Receiver General and borrow Three Hundred Pounds out of the Revenue of two shillings per Hogshead &c.

At a Council held April 1st 1754.

Present
The Governor

William Nelson	Philip Grymes
Thomas Nelson	Philip Ludwell Esqrs &

Thomas Dawson Clerk

An Additional Instruction from his Majesty of the eighteenth of December 1753 relating to Appeals was produced this day and read.

The Governor was pleased to Communicate to the Board a Letter from the Governor of Pensylvania signifying that their Assembly declined doing any Thing towards Assisting to resist the Invasions of the French on the Ohio.

Also a Letter from the Governor of Maryland informing that the Assembly of that Province had come to a resolution that the Exigencies of Affairs was not such as required any Aid or Support from them. Also a Letter from the Province of North Carolina purporting that the Assembly there had granted a Supply of twelve Thousand Pounds Proclamation Money; and a Letter from the Governor of South Carolina assuring that that Province will not

be Wanting in Contributing a proportional Assistance with other Colonies.

At a Council held April 11th 1754.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Philip Grymes
John Blair	Richard Corbin
William Nelson	Philip Ludwell Esqrs &
Thomas Nelson	Thomas Dawson Clerk

His Majesty's Additional Instruction relating [to] Appeals was again read and after due Deliberation had thereupon it was Ordered That a Committee be Appointed to draw up Reasons to evince how incompatible the Obediance to such an Instruction would prove with the laws and Constitution of this Colony; and it was refer'd to Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, and Philip Ludwell Esqrs to prepare the same.

The Governor Communicated to the Board a Letter from the Govenor of South Carolina dated March the twenty fifth 1754. advising that a Compleat Company from thence might be expected in the Jamaica Snow Man of War about about [*sic*] the fourth or fifth of this Month.

At a Council held April 17th 1754.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Philip Grymes
John Blair	Peter Randolph
William Nelson	Richard Corbin
Thomas Nelson	Philip Ludwell Esqrs &

Thomas Dawson Clerk

Ordered That the Clerk write to Mr Charles Turnbull Merchant in Dinwiddie County, Mr William Taylor in Hanover, and Mr Robert Jackson and Mr Charles Dick at Fredericksburgh to request them to be prepared for supplying the Forces from North

Carolina in their March to Alexandria with Bread and other necessary Provisions.

The Governor Communicated to the Board Letters he received from the Cherokees and Catawbas, signifying their Willingness to join against the Designs of the Enemy but for want of Ammunition of which they desire a Supply.

Also a letter from the Governor of New York dated the 26th of March last purporting that he shall give all Possible dispatch for sendlng two Compleat Companies into Virginia Agreeable to his Majesties Pleasure, and that he doubts not but his Assembly will make Provision for the Service

Thomas Nelson Esqr Reported that the Gentlemen Appointed had drawn up Reasons for judging his Majesties Additional Instruction relative to Appeals incongruous with the Laws and Circumstances of this Colony which were read and Approved and his Honour the Governor was desired to represent the same to his Majesty.

At a Council held April 24th 1754.

Present
The Governor
And as before

Ordered That a New Commission of the Peace issue for Louisa and that Abraham Venable, William Johnson, Charles Smith & Thomas Ballard Smith Gentlemen be added.

The Governor was pleased to Communicate to the Board the following Letters, Vizt,

A Letter from the Governor of New Jersey of the 8th of this Instant Signifying he should press his Assembly which was to meet on the 17th in the best manner he could for assisting all in their Power in Conjuction with the rest of his Majesties Colonies, for putting a Stop to the unjustifiable Proceedings of the French

A Letter from the Governor of New York of the 1st Instant signifying he had heard the French were making a Settlement at the Head of Kennebeque River, which is about Sixty Miles from Quebec, and that Mr Shirley had since by a Letter acquainted him his Council advised him to make Preparations for dislodging them, which he hoped his Assembly would make Provision for.

Also a Letter from Governor Shirley confirming the same Signifying withal the Importance of that River to the French as well as English, it affording the Shortest Passage of any River in the Atlantick Ocean for the French and their Indians to make Incursions upon us from Canada, and for us to March to Quebec': in which Letter was inclosed an Extract of a Letter sent him by one Thomas Smith who resided in Canada near Quebec' at the Time of the French Armaments being raised; as also a Copy of a Declaration of John Patten Trader among the Indians to the Westward of the Apalachcan Mountains containing an Account of the Line of Forts which the French had upon the Ohio and Lakes, at the Commencement of the late War, and of their Policy in the Manner of erecting them.

His Majesties Confirmation of An Act of Assembly to Dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof David Garland is Seised and for settling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the same Uses, was produced, and Ordered to be recorded in the Secretaries Office.

At a Council held May the 1st 1754.

Present
The Governor.

William Fairfax	Philip Grymes
John Blair	Peter Randolph
William Nelson	Richard Corbin Esqrs &

Thomas Dawson Clerk

The Governor Communicated to the Board a Letter dated the Nineteenth Day of April from the Governor of New York advising that some French Deserters mentioned in a Letter inclosed from the Commanding Officer at Oswego say that the French talked of sending Three or Four Thousand Men this Spring from Canada to reinforce the Settlements and building a Stone Fort on the Ohio to the Westward also that his Assembly have granted One Thousand Pounds for the Transportation of the two Companies, and Subsisting them with Six Months Provisions, whom the Station Ship would be ready to take on Board in a Fortnight; and that he presumes the Companies will be Accommodated with every thing Necessary for their March on their Arrival in Virginia at his Majesties, or the Expence of this Government; in which Letter was inclosed a Resolution of the Assembly concerning the Building of Forts in the Countries of the Six Nations.

His Honour was likewise pleased to Communicate a Letter from the Governor of Maryland of the 25th of April signifying he had received a Letter from the Governor of New York wherein he proposes as the most effectual Step to Secure the Friendship of the Six Nations that the Neighbouring Provinces will join in Advancing a Sum of Money towards erecting Forts among those Indians; and that he shall urge that Proposal to his Assembly.

At a Council held May 4th 1754.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Philip Grymes
John Blair	Peter Randolph
William Nelson	Richard Corbin
Thomas Nelson	Philip Ludwell Esqrs &

Thomas Dawson Clerk

The Governor Communicated to the Board a Letter he had received by Mr Edward Ward Ensign to Captain Trents Company dated the 25th of April at Willis's Creek, advising that the Fort on the River Ohio was the 17th of that Instant surrendered at the Summons of the French Commandant in Chief Contrecoeur, to a Body of French consisting of upward of One Thousand Men with a Copy inclosed of the Resolve of a Council of War held thereupon, to advance as far as Red Stone Creek about thirty seven Miles above the Fort, and there Fortify themselves clearing the Road as they March out, for the Carriage of their Artillery & Baggage and there wait the arrival of Col. Fry, and what Forces are to join them, Ensign Ward accompanied by an Indian, and an Interpreter, appeared in the Council Chamber, and produced the Original Summons he Received in the Absence of his Captain and Lieutenant; and a Speech from the half King at the Fort on Ohio to his Honour, desiring to know where we were, what was our Strenghth, and the Time they might Expect our Forces to join them. The Governor also communicated a Letter from Col. Fry dated at Alexandria the 30th of April, Advising he should set off the next Morning with five Waggons & a Cart, and leave a small Party to take care of others that he had been detained hitherto by the want of Carriages.

Whereupon it was the Advice of the Board that his Honour would Signifie by a Letter to Col. Washington that his Conduct in General

has been approved of, more particularly the Caution he has taken in halting at Red Stone Creek, til they have Assembled a Sufficient Body to secure themselves & Cannon, and then to proceed to Monongahela.

They also advise his Honour in his Answer to the Half Kings Speech to Assure him we are sending many Forces out whom they may expect Very soon, to support and Protect Them, to desire him to be strong and not fear; and that our Forces shall join him and all the Indians which they can gather together at the Forks of the Road.

The Accounts of Contingent Charges from the 25th of October 1753 to the 25th of April 1754 and for Repairs to the Governor's House being laid before the Board were allowed.

The Governor signifying his Intention of setting off for Winchester on Monday Sen'night, and his Desire that some Gentlemen of the Council would Accompany him, William Fairfax, Richard Corbin and Philip Ludwell Esqrs very readily offered themselves, with the Approbation of the Board.

At a Council held May 7th 1754.

Present
The Governor

William Fairfax	Thomas Nelson
John Blair	Philip Grymes
William Nelson	Philip Ludwell Esqrs &

Thomas Dawson Clerk

The Governor Delivered to Ensign Ward, the Indian from the Half King and the Interpreter being present, his Answer to the Speech of the Half King, and a Letter from [*sic*] Col: Washington.

Ordered That the Receiver General send to London for a Fire Engine and Four Dozen of Leathern Buckets for the Use of the Capitol.

The following Warrants on the Receiver General to be paid out of his Majesties Revenue of two shillings per Hogshead Port Duties &c were Signed by the Governor in Council.

For Half a Years Salary to the Governor.....	£1000.. 0.. 0
For Do to the Council.....	600.. 0.. 0
To the Judges and others of the Court of Oyer & Terminer	100.. 0.. 0
For Half a Years Salary to the Auditor.....	50.. 0.. 0

For D° to the Sollicitor of Virginia Affairs.....	50.. 0.. 0
For D° to the Attorney General.....	35.. 0.. 0
For D° to the Clerk of the Council.....	50.. 0.. 0
For D° to the Adjutants	160.. 0.. 0
For D° to the Armourer	6.. 0.. 0
For D° to the Gunners of the Batteries.....	18..10.. 0
To the Ministers Attending one General Court and Assembly	24.. 0.. 0
For Repairs to the Governors House.....	112..10.. 6
For Contingent Charges	863.. 1.. 8

On the Revenue of Quitrents

To the Attorney General	35.. 0.. 0

The Accounts of his Majesties Revenue of two shillings per Hogshead &c from the 25th of October 1753 to the 25th of April 1754 being examined by the Deputy Auditor and made Oath to by the Receiver General were certify'd by the Governor as usual.

The following Petitions for Land were read and Granted.

To Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, Charles Carter, Nathaniel Harrison Benjamin Robinson, Carter Burwell, Robert Burwell, Peyton Randolph John Randolph, Charles Carter junr, Joseph Robinson, Benjamin Robinson junr, Charles Robinson, Mann Page, John Page, John Thornton, James Butler, Thomas Berry, William Fitzhugh, Jno Fitzhugh Francis Thornton, John Champe, William Fitzhugh junr, Richard Smith, and Benjamin Grymes Esqrs Leave is granted them to take up and Survey Twenty Thousand Acres of Land on the Waters of Missisippy beginning at the Mouth of Lalots Creek and four Years Time is Allowed them to survey and pay Rights for the same upon Return of the Plans to the Secretaries Office.

Leave also is granted to the same Gentlemen to take up and Survey Fifty Thousand Acres of Land on the Waters of Missisippy beginning at the Mouth of the little Canaughway on the above Terms.

On the Petition of Benjamin Watkins, Paul Chiles, Joel Watkins James Johnson & Henry Chiles, to whom two Orders of Council were granted in May 1750 the one for twelve Thousand

and the other for forty Thousand Acres, Leave is granted that the said Surveys may be made by the Surveyor of Hallifax, they being found to extend from their Beginning in the said County of Hallifax into the County of Augusta.

To Abraham Maury Leave to include in one Patent four Tracts of Land upon Dan River the whole amounting to one Thousand two Hundred Acres.

To James Foulis Clerk Five Thousand Acres in Hallifax bounded by Capt Calloways Line on the South Fork running up the Creek to Lomax's Line and following the said Line up to the Head of Suck-Egg from thence to the Branches of Sandy River.

A true Copy

N: Walthoe Cl. Con.

APPENDIX

PROCLAMATIONS

Virginia, ss.[166]

By His Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, of this Dominion.

A Proclamation,

Proroguing the General Assembly.

Whereas the General Assembly, summoned to be held at the Capitol the First Day of August, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Five, stands prorogued to Thursday the Twenty Second Day of this Instant: And whereas I have advised with His Majesty's Council of State, and find no urgent Occasion for the said Assembly's meeting so soon, I do therefore, by Virtue of the Powers and Authorities to me granted, by His Majesty, by this Proclamation, in His Majesty's Name, publish and declare, that I have prorogued the said Assembly; and it is hereby prorogued to Thursday the last Day of January next. And I do require every respective Member that they fail not to give their Attendance accordingly.

Given at the Council Chamber, in Williamsburg, the First Day of November [1739], in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the Second.

William Gooch.

God save the King.

[166]From photographic copy of *The Virginia Gazette* (Williamsburg, W. Parks), November 9, 1739, p. [3].

Virginia, ss.[167]

By His Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, of this Dominion.

A Proclamation,

Proroguing the General Assembly.

Whereas the General Assembly, summoned to be held at the Capitol, the First Day of August, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Five, stands Prorogued to Thursday the last Day of this Instant January: And whereas I find no urgent Occasion for the said Assembly's meeting so soon, I do therefore, by Virtue of the Powers and Authorities to me granted by His Majesty, by this Proclamation, in His Majesty's Name, Publish and Declare, That I have Prorogued the said Assembly; and it is hereby Prorogued to Thursday the Twenty Second Day of May next: And I do require every respective Member that they fail not to give their Attendance accordingly.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony at Williamsburg, the Ninth Day of January, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Nine,[168] in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the Second.

William Gooch.

God save the King.

Virginia sc[169]

By the Honourable William Gooch Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of this Dominion.

A Proclamation To Encourage Persons Inhabiting within the Same to Enlist themselves in his Majestys Service.

Whereas His most Sacred Majesty From a just Resentment of the many unjust Seisures and Depredations that have been made on the Ships, Goods, and Effects, and of the Cruelties and Barbarities that

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[167]From photographic copy of *The Virginia Gazette* (Williamsburg, W. Parks), January 11, 1739[/40], p. [4].

[168]*I. e.* 1740 by the modern, or New Style, calendar.

[169]From photographic copy of manuscript in the British Public Record Office, C. O. 5: 1325, v. 7.

have been Exercised on the Persons of his Subjects, under Commissions From the King of Spain or his Governors by his most Gracious Declaration bearing Date at Kensington the Nineteenth Day of October, in the Thirteenth Year of his Reign, has been pleased to Declare War against the said King of Spain: And for the more Effectual Carrying on the Same, has Determined to raise Forces in his said Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in America, And Whereas His Majesty is graciously pleased to give all proper Encouragement to the Levies So to be raised, I have therefore thought fit by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council of State by this Proclamation in His Majesty's Name to Publish and Declare to all his Loving Subjects who either Excited by a Laudable Zeal for the Honour of their Sovereign or prompted by a Due regard to the Security of the Trade of the American Seas or moved by the Cruelties and Barbarities that have been Exercised towards their Fellow Subjects, Shall be willing to Enter into his Majesty's Service That it is his Majesty's pleasure to provide them with Arms and Accoutrements and proper Cloathing at his own Expence. And if they Shall be transported from hence to any other place where their Service may be required, his Majesty is pleased to give them this Assurance that they Shall receive their due Share of any Booty that may be taken from the Enemy; And when Such Service is over be Sent back hither unless they Desire to Settle else where. And all Persons so Disposed to Serve his Majesty are Forthwith to repair to Williamsburgh and upon their Application to me, and being Listed they Shall imediately enter into his Majesty's pay. And in Case of Such Transportation as aforesaid, alth'o his Majesty will be at the Expence of Finding them Provisions, and Providing all other Necessaries for that purpose, Every person So Listed Shall receive two Guineas as his Majesty's bounty when he Embarks.

Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh the third Day of April [1740] in the Thirteenth Year of his Said Majesty's Reign.

William Gooch.

Virginia ss[170]

By his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Comander in Chief of this Dominion.

A Proclamation for Apprehending Vagrants and for more Effectually putting the Laws in Execution against Hiring Harbouring or Entertaining them.

Whereas many Idle and dissolute Persons who neither betake themselves to any honest Labour or Employment nor have any Settled Habitation or place of abode Strole about the Country Unmolested; Some of them going about begging and others Frequenting the Several Court Houses of this Colony on the respective Court Days and other places of Public Meeting on purpose to Sollicit and draw in unwary People to unlawfull Gaming, thereby Defrauding them of Considerable Sums of Money to the Utter Ruine and Impovrishment of many of his Majesty's good Subjects; And others Likely to become Burthensome to the Parish are hired entertained or Employed without having first Produced a Certificate From the Sheriff of the County, or the Church Wardens or Collectors of the Parish Levy, From whence they Came that they have paid Levie there for the proceeding Year or of their being Servants at the time of, or Coming into the Colony, Since the taking the last List of Tythables; Contrary to an act of the General Assembly of this Dominion in the First Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the first in that Case made and provided I have therefore thought fit by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council of State by this Proclamation in his Majesty's Name Strictly to Charge and enjoyn all Justices of the Peace Mayors of Corporations Sherifs Constables, and other his Majesty's Officers and Ministers of Justice That they fail not to Apprehend or Cause or procure to be apprehended all Such Idle and dissolute Persons to the End they may be Dealt with as the Said Act directs; hereby requiring the Several Persons appointed to Act for the Kings most Excellent Majesty in the respective County Courts of this Colony duly to prosecute by Information or otherwise all Offenders against the Said Act or any other Act of the General Assembly of this Dominion made Concerning Vagrants To the intent that the Laws being duly put in Execution Such disorders may be Effectually reformed.

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[170]From photographic copy of manuscript in the British Public Record Office, C. O. 5: 1325, v. 7.

Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh the Eighteenth Day of April [1740] in the Thirteenth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

William Gooch.

Virginia sc[171]

By His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Cheif of this Dominion.

A Proclamation Fixing the time for the meeting of the General Assembly.

Whereas the General Assembly Stands Prorogued to Thursday the Twenty first of this Instant, And Whereas there is an absolute Necessity for the Said Assembly's meeting according to the Said Prorogation, And I have Advised with his Majesty's Council of State, I have therefore thought fit, by this Proclamation in his Majesty's Name to Signify and Declare that the Said Assembly Shall be then Held at Which time I do Strictly Charge and Command all and every the Members thereof that they Fail not to give their Attendance accordingly.

Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh the Sixth Day of August [1740] In the Fourteenth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

William Gooch

God Save the King

Virginia sc[172]

By his Majesty's Livetenant Governor and Commander in Chief of this Dominion.

A Proclamation For Apprehending Deserters.

Whereas Several Persons after having enlisted themselves in his Majesty's Service have deserted from their Quarters, and others have

[171]From photographic copy of manuscript in the British Public Record Office, C. O. 5: 1325, v. 7.

[172]From photographic copy of manuscript in the British Public Record Office, C. O. 5: 1325, v. 7. This proclamation and the three preceding appear as a unit, in the same handwriting, and have the following attestation at the end: "Ex^{d} by Benj^{a} Needler, Clerk of the Council."

Neglected to repair to the places appointed for their residence, And are therefore guilty of Desertion by the Law of Arms, and alth'o by Several Advertisements published in the Gazette they have been kindly invited to return and repair to their Duty, they have Neglected So to do thereby not only defrauding his Majesty but Affording an evil example to others to offend in the Like Cases; I have therefore thought fit by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council of State by this Proclamation in his Majesty's Name to will and require all his Majesty's Loving Subjects to apprehend or Cause or procure to be apprehended all Such Persons as they Shall know or have reasonable Cause to Suspect to be Deserters, And the Person or Persons So apprehended to Carry before Some Justice of the Peace who upon Examination finding or having reasonable Cause to Suspect the Person or Persons So apprehended to be a Deserter or Deserters is forthwith by Warrant under his hand To Commit the person or persons So apprehended to the Custody of a Constable to be by him delivered over to the next Constable and So from Constable to Constable till he or they Shall be brought to the Publick Goal in Williamsburg and every Justice of the Peace by whom Such Deserter or Suspected person Shall be committed as aforesaid is to give the person or persons apprehending him a Certificate under his hand Expressing by whom Such Deserter or other person Suspected to be a Deserter, was apprehended and brought before him. And if any Person or Persons whatsoever Shall presume to harbour entertain or Conceal any Deserter or promote or Contrive his Escape the person or persons So offending Shall be prosecuted with the Utmost Severity of the Law, And for Encouragment to all his Majesty's Loving Subjects to Use their Utmost Endeavours to apprehend and Secure Deserters, Any Person or Persons upon producing to me Such Certificate as aforesaid Shall for every Deserter by him or them apprehended receive a Pistole reward; And I do hereby Strictly Charge and Command all Justices of the Peace Mayors of Corporations Sherifs Constables and others his Majesty's Loving Subjects That they be further aiding and assisting in the premisses as Need or Occasion Shall be or require.

Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh the Sixth Day of August [1740] in the Fourteenth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

William Gooch

God Save the King.

Virginia ss.[173]

By the Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of This Dominion

A Proclamation

To prohibit the Exportation of Indian Corn

Whereas Upon consideration of the Shortness of the Present Crop of Indian Corn, it is found necessary to prohibit the Exportation of the same: I have therefore thought fitt, by and with the Advice of His Majestys Council, to Issue this proclamation hereby Strictly prohibiting the Exportation of any Indian Corn after this Day Until the last day of April next Under the penaltys contained in the Act of Assembly made in the first Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act for prohibiting the Exportation of Grain in the time of Scarcity And I do hereby require the Officers of His Majesty's Customs to U[se][174] their Utmost Diligence to Detect and prosecute the Offenders for the said penaltys inflicted by Law. And I do Appoint this proclamation to be read and published at the Court-houses Church[es][175] and Chapels in each respective County within this Colony; And that the Sherifs take care the same be done accordingly

Given at the Council Chamber, in Williamsburg on the fourth Day of November [1742] in the Sixteenth Year of His Majestys Reign

William Gooch

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[173]From original manuscript in the Virginia State Library. This has the following endorsement: "Proclamation[.] 4th November 1742. To prohibit the Exportation of Indian Corn Until the last day of April next."

[174]The letters in brackets are lacking, due to a break in the manuscript.

[175]This word, "Church," extends to the edge of the paper as it is at present, but the letters in brackets may have appeared originally.

Virginia, ss.[176]

By the Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, of this Dominion,

A Proclamation,

Proroguing the General Assembly.

Whereas the General Assembly stands Prorogued to the last Thursday in May: And whereas I find no urgent Occasion for the said Assembly's Meeting at that Time: I have therefore thought fit, by this Proclamation, in his Majesty's Name, to Prorogue the said Assembly to the Second Thursday in July next; and the said Assembly is hereby Prorogued until that Time accordingly.

Given under my Hand, at the Council Chamber, in Williamsburg, this 4th Day of May [1745], in the Eighteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

William Gooch.

God Save the King.

Virginia, ss.[177]

By the Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, of this Dominion,

A Proclamation,

For taking off the Prohibition against the Exportation of Provisions.

Whereas, upon Consideration formerly had of the Circumstances of the Colony, it was found necessary to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions: And whereas it has since been represented to me, that there is no Occasion to continue the said Prohibition, and that it will tend greatly to the Benefit and Advantage of this Colony to have a free Exportation of the same: I have therefore thought fit, by and

[176]From photographic copy of *The Virginia Gazette* (Williamsburg, W. Parks), May 9, 1745, p. [3].

[177]From photographic copy of *The Virginia Gazette* (Williamsburg, W. Parks), September 12, 1745, p. [3].

with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, to issue this Proclamation; hereby taking off the said Prohibition. And I do hereby require the Officers of His Majesty's Customs to take Notice, that the same is hereby made void and of no Effect.

Given under my Hand, at the Council Chamber, in Williamsburg, this 10th Day of September [1745], in the Nineteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

William Gooch.

God Save the King.

A Proclamation,[178]

Virginia, ss.

By the Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief of this Dominion,

Proroguing the General Assembly.

Whereas the General Assembly stands Prorogued to the Second Thursday in January next: And whereas I find no urgent Occasion for the said Assembly's Meeting at that Time: I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to issue this Proclamation, in his Majesty's Name, to Prorogue the said Assembly to the Third Thursday in May next; and the said Assembly is hereby Prorogued until that Time accordingly.

Given under my Hand, at the Council Chamber, in Williamsburg, this 11th Day of December [1745], in the Nineteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

William Gooch.

God Save the King.

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[178]From photographic copy of *The Virginia Gazette* (Williamsburg, W. Parks), December 12, 1745, p. [3].

Virginia, ss.[179]

By His Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief of this Dominion,

A Proclamation,

For the Meeting of the General Assembly.

Whereas the General Assembly stood Prorogued to the Third Thursday in May next: And I judged it proper for His Majesty's Service, and the Honour and Interest of this Colony, that the said Assembly should meet sooner: I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, by this Proclamation, in His Majesty's Name, to Order, That the said Assembly meet on the Third Thursday in February next; at which Time I expect their Attendance.

Given under my Hand, at Williamsburg, this 15th Day of January [1745/46], in the Nineteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

William Gooch.

God Save the King.

And, whereas a wicked and horrid Rebellion has been raised against our Sovereign Lord King George, his Crown and Government: It is also Ordered, by the Governor, with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, That Wednesday the 26th Day of February next, be observed as a General Fast and Humiliation, before Almighty God, in a most devout and solemn Manner, by our Prayers and Supplications, for obtaining Pardon for our Sins, for averting those heavy Judgments we have justly deserv'd, and imploring his Divine Blessing and Assistance on his Majesty's Arms, against all his Enemies Foreign and Domestick, in a more especial Manner against the Pretender, and all his Adherents, and for restoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety and Prosperity, to our only rightful and lawful Sovereign King George, and to his Kingdoms and Dominions.

William Gooch.

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[179]From photographic copy of *The Virginia Gazette* (Williamsburg, W. Parks), January 16, 1745-6, p. [4]; also January 23, 1745-6, p. [3].

Virginia ss.[180]

By His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief of this Dominion,

A Proclamation,

Whereas the two Regiments bound for Cape Breton, have been forced into this Colony, and will be obliged to continue here until they can be able to get into the Harbour of Louisburg, and prosecute that important Service to which they are destin'd: I have thought proper to order, and do hereby strictly order and require all Persons to treat the soldiers with Civility and Kindness, and to furnish them with such Necessaries they shall want, at the lowest and most reasonable Rates. And if any Soldier shall be found rambling above the Distance of two Miles from York, Hampton, or Norfolk, where they are quartered, whoever shall apprehend such Soldier, and carry him before his respective Commanding Officer, may depend upon being handsomely rewarded for his Trouble.

William Gooch.

God Save the King.

Virginia, ss.[181]

By the Hon. William Gooch, Esq; His Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia,

A Proclamation.

Whereas His Majesty having thought fit to give Directions for raising Three Independent Companies, for the Service and Defence

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[180]From *The Virginia Historical Register and Literary Companion,* edited by William Maxwell, v. 6 (Richmond, 1853), p. 154-155. It seems that this proclamation was reprinted from a copy of *The Virginia Gazette* which is now unknown to the Virginia State Library. As reprinted, it is undated but was probably issued in January or February 1745/46. In his address to the General Assembly which convened on February 20, 1745/46, the governor made a statement about this situation and requested provision for the relief of these regiments. *Cf. Journals of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, 1742-1747, 1748-1749* (Richmond, 1909) p. 155.

[181]From photographic copy of *The Virginia Gazette* (Williamsburg, W. Parks), April 17, 1746, p. [3]-[4].

of South-Carolina, by Beat of Drum or otherwise, in any of His Majesty's Provinces in North-America; And Robert Hodgson, Esq; Captain of one of the said Independent Companies, having produced to me His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, for that Purpose.

I have therefore thought fit, to require and command all Colonels, Lieutenant-Colonels, Majors, and other Officers of the Militia, within the several Counties of this Colony, as also all Magistrates and others, to be aiding and assisting to the said Captain Hodgson, in inlisting able-bodied Men, for the Service aforesaid, who are not to be marched out of the said Province, nor to continue longer in His Majesty's Service than Six Years, unless they are willing. And as no Person is to be impressed on this Occasion, and Volunteers who are of the Standard, to receive at their enlisting a Pistole Reward, and enter into immediate Pay, I hope all Persons willing to serve His Majesty, will think they have sufficient Encouragement.

Given under my Hand, at Williamsburg, this 14th Day of April, in the Nineteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign, Annoq; Dom. 1746.

William Gooch.

God Save the King.

Virginia ss.[182]

By the Hon. William Gooch, Esqr: His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief of this Dominion.

A Proclamation.

Whereas, it has been represented to me, in Council, that several Roman Catholic Priests are lately come from Maryland to Fairfax county, in this Colony, and are endeavoring, by crafty Insinuations, to seduce his Majesty's good Subjects from their Fidelity and Loyalty to his Majesty King George, and his Royal House; I have therefore thought fit, with the advice of His Majesty's Council, to issue this Proclamation, requiring all Magistrates, Sheriffs, Constables, and other His Majesty's Liege People, within this Colony, to be diligent in apprehending and bringing to Justice, the said

[182]From *The Virginia Historical Register and Literary Companion,* edited by William Maxwell, v. 6 (Richmond, 1853), p. 155.

Romish Priests, or any of them, so that they may be prosecuted according to Law.

Given under my hand at the Council Chamber, in Williamsburg, this 24th day of April [1746], in the Nineteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

William Gooch.

God Save the King.

V[ir]ginia sc[183]

By the Honorable William Gooch Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia.

A Proclamation

Whereas his Majesty has been pleased to give Directions to me forthwith to make the necessary Dispositions for raising as many Men as the Shortness of Time will enable me to procure within this Government to be employed under my Command to second an important Expedition; I have thought fit by this Proclamation in his Majesty's Name to order and require all Colonels, Lieutenant Colonels or other Commanding Officers in every County of this Dominion immediately to call together the Militia of their respective Counties and that they and all other Officers and Magistrates be aiding and assisting to the utmost of their Power in enlisting Men for this Service and as an Encouragement to induce People the more readily to enlist that the said Officers do assure them they are to be commanded by, and continue the whole Time with me: that they are to receive a Piece of Eight Bounty Money upon enlisting and a further Bounty of two Pistoles upon their Departure hence, and are to enter into his Majesty's Pay from the Day of their enlisting; also that they will come in for a Share of any Booty to be taken from the Enemy; and are to be sent back to their

[183]From photographic copy of manuscript in the British Public Record Office, C. O. 5: 1326. The matter supplied in brackets, and confirmed by an earlier handwritten transcript of the proclamation, has obviously been lost by breaks in the manuscript.

Habitations when the Service shall be over. I do hereby further require [all] [s]uch Officers or others who shall enlist Men to transmit to me the Names of such as they shall engage, who must take Care to be ready to come down to Williamsburgh on the first Notice from me.

Given under my Hand this tenth day of June 1746. In the xixth Year of his Majesty's Reign

William Gooch

God Save the King.

Virginia sc.[184]

By his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor & Commander in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation

For the Meeting of the General Assembly

Whereas the General Assembly stood prorogued to the third Thursday in this Month; and I judged it indispensably necessary for his Majesty's Service and the Honour and Interest of this Colony that the said Assembly should meet as soon as possible: I have therefore thought fit by this Proclamation in his Majesty's Name to order that the said Assembly meet on the second Friday in July next; at which Time I expect their Attendance for Dispatch of important Business

Given under my Hand at Williamsburgh this 26th day of June [1746] in the twentieth Year of his Majestys Reign.

William Gooch.

God Save the King.

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[184]From photographic copy of manuscript in the British Public Record Office, C. O. 5: 1326.

Virginia sc.[185]

By his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor & Commander in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation

For Proroguing the General Assembly

Whereas the General Assembly stands prorogued to the last Thursday in October, And whereas I find no urgent Occasion for the said Assembly's Meeting at that Time, I have therefore thought fit by this Proclamation in his Majesty's Name to prorogue the said Assembly to the last Tuesday in December next and the said Assembly is hereby prorogued untill that Time accordingly.

Given under my Hand at Williamsburgh the 28th day of October 1746. and in the Twentieth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

William Gooch

God save the King.

Virginia ss.[186]

By his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation

Proroguing the General Assembly

Whereas the General Assembly stands prorogued to the last Tuesday in December: And whereas I find no urgent Occasion for the said Assembly's Meeting at that Time I have therefore thought fit by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council by this Proclamation in his Majesty's Name to prorogue the said Assembly to the second Thursday in May next and the said Assembly is hereby prorogued untill that Time accordingly

[185]From photographic copy of manuscript in the British Public Record Office, C. O. 5: 1326.

[186]From photographic copy of manuscript in the British Public Record Office, C. O. 5: 1326.

Given under my Hand at Williamsburgh this 9th day of December 1746 and in the xxth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

William Gooch

God save the King.

Virginia sc.[187]

By his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor & Comma[n]de[r][188] in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation

Whereas his Majesty's Roial Capitol of this Dominion was this Day destroyed by Fire and there is great Reason to suspect it was designedly wickedly and maliciously contrived & perpetrated, in Order therefore to bring the Offender or Offenders to condign Punishment for so enormous and Diabolical a Crime, I do hereby publish this Proclamation offering and promising a Reward of one hundred Pounds to any Person who shall discover the Author or Authors of this Hellish Villany so that he, she or they be convicted thereof and if any Offender will discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices in the said Fact so that he she or they be convicted he shall receive a Pardon and the Reward above mentioned and if any Negro or Negroes were any ways concerned or instrumental in the [said Fact,][189] any one of them who will make an ample Discovery of his or her Accomplice or Accomplices shall, on Conviction of the Party or Parties, be pardoned, entituled to his or her Freedom and receive a Reward of twenty Pounds; And I do hereby strictly charge and require all his Majestys good Subjects within this Colony as they regard the Preservation of their Lives and Properties and the General Welfare of the Community to use their utmost Diligence in detecting the Person or Persons instrumental in contriving or executing this most horrible Scheme which had not

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[187]From photographic copy of manuscript in the British Public Record Office, C. O. 5: 1326.

[188] The letters in brackets are evidently obliterated by a fold or break in the manuscript.

[189]The writing shown in the photographic reproduction is too indistinct to be legible.

Providence interposed might have been destructive of this whole city, and involved many Families in Ruin by irretreivable Loss of the Records which were in the most imminent Danger, but Thanks to God happily preserved.

Given under my Hand at Williamsburgh this 30th day of January 1746/[7][190] and in the xxth Year of the Reign of our most Gracious Sovereign King George the second.

William Gooch

God save the King.

Virginia ss.[191]

By his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of this Dominion

A Proclamation

For the Meeting of the General Assembly.

Whereas the General Assembly stands prorogued to the second Thursday in May next and I judged it indispensably necessary for his Majesty's Service and the Honour and Interest of this Colony that the said Assembly should meet sooner I have therefore thought fit by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council by this Proclamation in his Majesty's Name to order that the said Assembly meet at the College in Williamsburgh on Monday the Thirtieth day of March next at which Time I expect their Attendance

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony at Williamsburgh this third Day of February [1746/47] In the xxth Year of his Majesty's Reign

William Gooch

God save the King.

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[190]The final figure appears to be partially effaced, perhaps by a break which is shown in the manuscript.

[191]From photographic copy of manuscript in the British Public Record Office, C. O. 5: 1326.

Virginia sc.[192]

By the Honble Sir William Gooch Baronet his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia

A Proclamation

Whereas It is represented to me that several Itinerant Preachers have lately crept into this Colony and that the Suffering these Corrupters of our Faith and true Religion to propagate their shocking Doctrines may be of mischievous Consequences. I have therefore thought fit by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council to issue this Proclamation strictly requiring all Magistrates and Officers to discourage and prohibit as far as they legally can all Itinerant Preachers whether New-Light Men Moravians, or Methodists, from Teaching Preaching or holding any Meeting in this Colony: And that all Persons be enjoined to be aiding and assisting to that Purpose.

Given under my Hand at Williamsburgh this third day of April 1747 and in the xxth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

William Gooch

God Save the King.

Virginia sc.[193]

By the Honble Sir William Gooch Bart his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia

A Proclamation

For Adjourning the General Court.

Whereas his Majesty's Roial Capitol hath lately been destroyed by Fire, I have therefore thought fit by Virtue of the Powers and Au-

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[192]From photographic copy of manuscript in the British Public Record Office, C. O. 5: 1326.

[193]From photographic copy of manuscript in the British Public Record Office, C. O. 5: 1326. This proclamation and the seven preceding were copied and transmitted together as a unit, and have the following endorsement: "Virginia[.] Copies of Proclamations publish'd in Virginia, between June 1746, & April 1747. Rec^{d} with Sir Wm Gooch's Lett^{r} dated the 10th of June 1747. Rec^{d} Augt ye 10th[,] Read. D^{o} 20th[,] 1747. V: 102."

thorities to me given, and by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Council to ordain that all Pleas, Writs, Bills, Processes, Precepts and other Matters whatsoever which before the Justices of the General Court at the Capitol aforesaid on the first and twentieth Daies or any intermediate Day of the next General Court ought to be pleaded or prosecuted heard, have Day, or be returned, or had Day or were continued from October General Court last past to the first, Twentieth, or any intermediate or other Day of the General Court aforesaid and then to be heard and determined, be adjourned before the said Justices of the said General Court at the Courthouse in the City of Williamsburgh lately erected by the Mayor and Corporation of the said City, of which all Persons are hereby required to take Notice and conform themselves accordingly

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony at the Council Chamber in Williamsburgh the sixth day of April 1747. In the twentieth Year of his Majesty's Reign

William Gooch

God save the King.

Virginia, ss.[194]

By the Hon. Lewis Burwell, Esq; President of His Majesty's Council, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia.

A Proclamation,

For the Meeting of the General Assembly:

Whereas the General Assembly stands prorogued to to [*sic*] the Third Thursday in April: And, whereas I find no urgent Occasion for the said Assembly's Meeting at that Time; I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Council, by this Proclamation, in his Majesty's Name, to Order, That the said Assembly meet at the College in Williamsburg, on the First Thursday in

[194]From photographic copy of *The Virginia Gazette* (Williamsburg, W. Hunter) April 4, 1751, p. [4]. This proclamation, ordered for the purpose of proroguing the General Assembly (see p. 347), is in improper form. See p. 492.

June next; at which Time I expect their Attendance, for Dispatch of Public Business.

Given under my Hand this Twenty Eighth Day of March [1751], in the Twenty Fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second.

Lewis Burwell, P.

God save the King.

Virginia, ss.[195]

By the Hon. Lewis Burwell, Esq; President of His Majesty's Council, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia.

A Proclamation,

For Proroguing the General Assembly:

Whereas the General Assembly stands prorogued to the Third Thursday in April: And whereas I find no urgent Occasion for the said Assembly's Meeting at that Time; I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Council, by this Proclamation, in His Majesty's Name, to prorogue the said Assembly to the First Thursday in June next; and the said Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand this Twenty Eighth Day of March [1751], in the Twenty Fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second.

Lewis Burwell, P.

God Save the King.

N. B. The Proclamation requiring the Assembly to meet at this Time; inserted in the last Gazette, was by Mistake.

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[195]From photographic copy of *The Virginia Gazette* (Williamsburg, W. Hunter) April 11, 1751, p. [3].

Virginia, ss.[196]

By the Hon. Lewis Burwell, Esq; President of His Majesty's Council, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia.

A Proclamation,

Proroguing the General Assembly:

Whereas the General Assembly stands prorogued to the First Thursday in June Instant: And whereas I find no urgent Occasion for the said Assembly's Meeting at that Time; I have therefore thought fit, by this Proclamation, in His Majesty's Name, to prorogue the said Assembly to the Last Thursday in October next; and the said Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, at Williamsburg, this First Day of June 1751, in the Twenty Fourth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

Lewis Burwell, P.

God Save the King.

Virginia, ss.[197]

By the Hon. Lewis Burwell, Esq; President of His Majesty's Council, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia.

A Proclamation.

Whereas His most Sacred Majesty, at a Council held at St. James's the 24th of April, has been pleased to Order, That in the Morning and Evening Prayers, in the Litany, and in all other Parts of the Publick Service, as well in the occasional Offices as in the Book of Common

[196]From photographic copy of *The Virginia Gazette* (Williamsburg, W. Hunter) June 6, 1751, p. [3].

[197]From photographic copy of *The Virginia Gazette* (Williamsburg, W. Hunter) October 17, 1751, p. [3].

Prayer, where the Royal Family is appointed to be particularly pray'd for, the following Form and Order should be observed, viz.

Their Royal Highnesses George Prince of Wales, the Princess Dowager of Wales, the Duke, the Princesses, and all the Royal Family.

And whereas I have receiv'd His Majesty's Orders to make Publication thereof in this Colony; I do hereby therefore, in his Majesty's Name, require and command all whom it may concern, to pay due Obedience thereto.

Lewis Burwell.

Virginia, ss.[198]

By the Hon. Lewis Burwell, Esq; President of His Majesty's Council, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia.

A Proclamation.

Proroguing the General Assembly:

Whereas the General Assembly stands prorogued to the last Thursday in October Instant: And whereas I find no urgent Occasion for the said Assembly's meeting at that Time; I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council, by this Proclamation, in His Majesty's Name, to prorogue the said Assembly to the First Thursday in March next; and the said Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, at Williamsburg, this Twenty Ninth Day of October, 1751, in the Twenty Fifth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

Lewis Burwell.

God Save the King.

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[198]From photographic copy of *The Virginia Gazette* (Williamsburg, W. Hunter) October 31, 1751, p. [2].

Virginia, ss.[199]

By the Honourable Robert Dinwiddie, Esq; His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief of this Dominion.

A Proclamation.

Whereas his most sacred Majesty hath by His Royal Commission, under his Signet, and Sign Manual bearing Date the 4th Day of July, 1751, in the twenty-fifth Year of His Reign, constituted and appointed me to be Lieutenant Governor of this his Colony and Dominion, and to execute and perfom [*sic*] all and singular the Powers and Authorities contained in his Majesty's Commission granted to the Right Hon. William Ann, Earl of Albemarle, his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governor General of the said Colony, in Case of the Death or during the Absence of the said Chief Governor. Now, to the End that the Peace of this his Majesty's Dominion may be the better secured, and all Proceedings at Law continued, and that the ordinary Course of Justice may not be interrupted, I have thought fit, by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, in this Colony, in his Majesty's Name, to publish and declare, that all Magistrates and Officers, both civil and military, do continue and remain in all and singular their Powers, Authorities, and Jurisdictions, until further Order be taken therein: Hereby requiring them to proceed in the Execution of their several Duties, and all his Majesty's Subjects within this Colony are to be aiding and assisting to them therein, and to yield all due Obedience to this Proclamation.

Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburg, this 21st Day of November, 1751, in the 25th Year of his Majesty's Reign.

Robert Dinwiddie.

God Save the King.

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[199]From photographic copy of *The Virginia Gazette* (Williamsburg, W. Hunter) November 21, 1751, p. [3].

Williamsburg, December 12.[200]

Virginia, ss.

By the Honourable Robert Dinwiddie, Esq; His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia:

A Proclamation

Dissolving the General Assembly.

Whereas the General Assembly, begun at the College the 2[7]th Day of October 17[48], stands prorogued to the First Thursday in March next and whereas I have thought fit, for divers Considerations, regarding His Majesty's Service, to dissolve the said Assembly: I have therefore, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council, issued this Proclamation, declaring the said Assembly to be dissolv'd, and it is hereby accordingly dissolv'd; of which all His Majesty's Subjects within this Colony are required to take Notice. And whereas I am desirous, upon all Occasions, to have the Advice of a General Assembly, for His Majesty's Service and the Good and Prosperity' of His Subjects; I do hereby further publish and declare, That I intend immediately to issue Writs, for the Election of Burgesses to serve in the new Assembly, at such Time as by the Advice of His Majesty's Council shall be judged most fit and convenient

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Williamsburg, this Eleventh Day of December, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty One, in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the Second.

Robert Dinwiddie.

God Save the King.

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[200]From photographic copy of *The Virginia Gazette* (Williamsburg, W. Hunter) December 12, 1751, p. [3]. As printed in this copy of *The Virginia Gazette,* the proclamation has been corrected in manuscript in the first three lines of its body and on the margin, the figures in brackets being illegible. It appears that these changes would substitute references to another meeting of the General Assembly.

Following this proclamation, there is printed this notice: "Writs are issued this Day from the Secretary's Office, for the Election of Burgesses, returnable the Last Thursday in February, at which Time the General Assembly is to meet."

Virginia, ss.[201]

By the Honourable Robert Dinwiddie, Esq; His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia:

A Proclamation,

For publishing the Repeal of certain Acts of Assembly, pass'd in the Years 1748 and 1749.

Whereas all Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, made and pass'd in the General Assembly of this Dominion, are, according to the Constitution of this Government, by His Majesty's Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of Great-Britain, to be transmitted to His Majesty, for His Royal Approbation or Disallowance; and such of the said Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, as shall be thereupon disallowed or disapproved, and so signified, by His Majesty, under His Sign Manuel and Signet, or by Order in his Privy Council, are, from thenceforth, to cease, determine, and become utterly void: And whereas His Majesty, in Council, has been pleased to signify His Disapprobation and Disallowance of several Acts, passed in the Years 1748 and 1749, to wit.

An Act for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of Suffolk; and preventing Hogs and Goats going at large therein; and for altering the Times of holding Fairs in the Town of Newcastle.

Also An Act, intituled An Act for establishing a Town in Augusta County; and allowing Fairs to be kept there.

Also An Act, intituled An Act declaring Slaves to be Personal Estate; and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

Also An act, intituled An Act for the Distribution of Intestates Estates.

Also An Act, intituled An Act for establishing the General Court; and for regulating and settling the Proceedings therein.

Also An Act, intituled An Act for Limitation of Actions, and avoiding of Suits.

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[201]From photographic copy of *The Virginia Gazette* (Williamsburg, W. Hunter) April 10, 1752, p. [2], April 17, 1752, p. [3], April 24, 1752, p. [3]. Found also, with minor variations, in *The Statutes at Large; Being a Collection of All the Laws of Virginia* . . . by William Waller Hening, v. 5 (Richmond, 1819), p. [567]-568.

Also An Act, intituled An Act concerning Servants, and Slaves.

Also An Act, intituled An Act to prevent tending Seconds.

Also An Act, intituled An Act for the better Support of the College of William and Mary.

And An Act, intituled An Act to prevent the Building Wooden Chimnies in the Town of Walkerton; and also, to prevent the Inhabitants thereof from raising and keeping Hogs.

I do therefore, in Pursuance thereof, by this Proclamation, publish and declare, That the said Acts of Assembly are repealed, and utterly void, and of none Effect: And, for the more solemn Signification thereof, I do appoint this Proclamation to be read and published, at the Court-Houses of the several Counties within this Dominion: And the Sheriffs are to take Care the same be done accordingly.

Given at the Council-Chamber, this Eighth Day of April, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Two, in the Twenty Fifth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

Robert Dinwiddie.

God Save the King.

Virginia, ss.[202]

By the Honourable Robert Dinwiddie, Esq; His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia:

A Proclamation,

For Proroguing the General Assembly.

Whereas the General Assembly stands prorogued to the last Thursday in October Instant: And whereas I find no urgent Occasion for the said Assembly's Meeting at that Time; I have therefore thought fit, by this Proclamation, in His Majesty's Name, to prorogue the said Assembly to the Third Thursday in April next; and the said Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

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[202]From photographic copy of *The Virginia Gazette* (Williamsburg, W. Hunter) October 20, 1752, p. [2].

Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, at Williamsburg, this Seventeenth Day of October 1752, in the Twenty Sixth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

Robert Dinwiddie

God Save the King.

By the Honble Robert Dinwiddie Esqr

A Proclamation.[203]

Whereas it is determined that a Fort be immediately built on the River Ohio, at the Fork of Monongahela, to oppose any further Encroachments or hostile Attempts of the French, and the Indians in their Interest, & for the Security and Protection of his Majesty's Subjects in this Colony; and as it is absolutely necessary that a Sufficient Force should be raised to erect & support the same: For an Encouragement to all who shall voluntarily enter into the said Service, I do hereby notify & promise, by and with the Advice & Consent of his Majesty's Council of this Colony, that over & above their Pay—200000 Acres of his Majesty the King of Great Britain's Lands, on the East Side of the River Ohio, within this Dominion (one hundred thousand Acres whereof to be contiguous to the said Fort, & the other 100000 Acres to be on, or near the River Ohio) shall be laid off & granted to such Persons, who by their voluntary Engagement & good Behaviour in the said Service, shall deserve the same.

And I further promise, that the said Lands shall be divided amongst them immediately after the Performance of the said Service, in a Proportion due to their respective Merit, as shall be represented to me by their Officers; and held & enjoyed by them without paying any Rights, & also free from the Payment of Quitrents for the Term of 15 Years.

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[203]From photographic copy of manuscript in the British Public Record Office, C. O. 5: 1333. This has the following endorsement: "Virginia. Lieut. Governor's Dinwiddie's Proclamation[.] In Mr Nelson's Letter N° 2." A manuscript transcript indicates that the copy of this proclamation was transmitted late since it gives the date of Nelson's letter as October 18, 1770. William Nelson was then president of the Council.

And I do appoint this Proclamation to be read & published at the Court Houses, Churches & Chapels in each County within this Colony, & that the Sherifs take Care the same be done accordingly.

Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburg on the 19th Day of February in 27th Year of his Majesty's Reign, Annoq. Dom: 1754. God save the King.

Copy, Teste John Blair jr Cl. Conc.

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